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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

J. E. Rowell; term expires 1895.
F. Jaquith; term expires 1895.
E. B. Haskell; term expires 1896.

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER.

Dudley Foster.

ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

John E. Rowell, Coburn S. Smith,
George F. Colson.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

Dudley Foster, *ex-officio*, John Harrington,
Milo Hutchins, Arthur W. Holden.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Dr. John B. Tyler, Dr. O. A. Flint,
Dr. Chas. E. Hosmer, John E. Rowell,
Franklin Jaquith, Edward B. Haskell.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

H. W. Sheldon, E. B. Haskell,
John Foster.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Dr. O. A. Flint, Rev. J. N. Pardee,
Rev. W. W. Nason.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

Hiram C. Brown.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

George C. Crosby.

SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE.

James C. Parker.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

J. Edwin Blodgett.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

Milo Hutchins, Geo. R. Gay,
J. E. Blodgett.

CONSTABLES.

Martin Conway, Jr., Everett W. Livingston.

FIELD DRIVERS.

Isaac Hopkinson, Freeman Smith,
Martin Conway, Jr., John Murphy.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD.

John E. Rowell, H. M. Hutchins,
Geo. E. Simonds, C. H. Parker,
G. H. Harnden, E. W. Livingston,
Voluntine Rollins, W. F. Symmes,
J. F. Bruce, C. A. Holt,
M. C. Murphy.

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

William H. Hutchins.

FENCE VIEWERS.

J. E. Rowell, E. B. Haskell,
F. Jaquith.

AUDITORS.

Edwin N. Ray, John A. Richardson,
Erastus B. Colby.

KEEPER OF THE LOCKUP.

Martin Conway, Jr.

POUND KEEPER.

Isaac R. Stackpole.

SEXTON.

Albert Stearns.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

In submitting our annual report it seems fitting that reference should be made to the loss by death of our much esteemed and venerable townsman, the late Dudley Foster, for thirty-eight years Town Clerk and forty years Town Treasurer, a longer term than occupied by any of his predecessors, embracing the time of the Rebellion, the railroad loans, and many other important objects, which have made it the most difficult and laborious period since the organization of the Town, yet so retaining the good will and confidence of the people that at the last annual election he was re-elected by a unanimous vote. We can testify to his deep interest in anything that related to the welfare of the Town, and to his ready and willing disposition to aid in all matters by his advice and counsel. He had an extended illness, but by the ready assistance rendered by his devoted wife and son, John H., we were not obliged to appoint officers *pro tempore* until his death.

The worst affair that has happened in Town for many years occurred in September, 1894, viz.: that of burglary and assault on the officer and his assistants, which resulted in the murder of Mr. Leroy S. Foster, of Burlington. Much praise is due to Constable Everett W. Livingston for his courage at the time, and for his perseverance in the pursuit which finally led to the arrest of the three assassins.

An unhesitating readiness to pursue armed desperadoes should be recognized, and we consider it very fortunate that Mr. Livingston so soon obtained the aid of Messrs. George B. Smith and James E. Coulter. Our thanks are due also to Officer McIntosh, of Woburn, and Officer Kelly, of Somerville, for services rendered.

The two largest works done under the direct charge of the Selectmen were the wall and fence around Union Hall, North Billerica, and the stable and engine house, Billerica Centre.

There was an unexpended balance appropriation for cisterns, but we could not receive any estimates that would justify us in commencing work upon one. It has been suggested that one might be constructed next season near the new Town Hall.

There seems to have been a looseness in the business of the Fire Department at the Centre. The company had not been paid for eighteen months, and some members for a longer time. The forest fires also greatly increased their expenses.

On the highways the most extensive work was on Wilson Street and the causeway at Nutting's Pond. That the work at the latter place should not have been delayed longer is shown by the judgment against the Town in the case of Dickson and others for damages sustained on the causeway near the corner bridge. This place should also be railed the coming season. At both places great expense might have been saved to the Town had there been a hedge of willows or some other trees started a few years ago, and we recommend this to be done by the Superintendent of the Roads, at these and other places throughout the Town.

On the petition for the relocation of the county road between Chelmsford and Burlington line the Commissioners reported in part as follows: That the road from Chelmsford line to Sprague Bridge be widened and straightened in places named. Having no appropriation we were unable to do the work. During the summer they continued the survey to Burlington. The road from the Fordway Bridge has been surveyed and stone bounds erected, but no reports have been received. They have also before them the petitions for the extension of Billerica Avenue and the widening and straightening of the road from Mason's Corner to Bedford.

At a town meeting July 16, 1894, the Town voted to take land for the enlargement of the Town Hall lot. The Selectmen settled the damages by paying seventy-five dollars ($75) to Frederic A. Morey and eleven hundred dollars ($1,100) to the heirs of Mary B. Parker. The settlement was unsatisfactory to all parties.

Contrary to the expectations of the citizens the Lowell and Subur-

ban Street R. R. Co. did not fulfill their agreement in laying their tracks through the centre of the Town by Oct. 1, 1894. We did not revoke their franchise, and as we have been notified that there would be an article in the Town Warrant, it will give the Town an opportunity to take such action as they see fit.

Our attention was called to the bad appearance of the telephone and telegraph poles. On conferring with the agents of the companies we found them very willing to have the poles cleaned, and would co-operate with the Town in keeping them so. If the people will remove them off the poles in front and near their houses as fast as they are posted, and the workmen on the highway, wherever they should be at work throughout the Town, it would add greatly to the appearance of our streets.

The Town lines were perambulated in December, 1894. Between Chelmsford and Billerica most of the bounds were found leaning badly and they were ordered to be straightened, and two new bounds set on Lowell and Billerica road under the supervision of Osgood & Snell, who certify to the correctness of the survey. Two bounds on Wilmington, and one on Tewksbury line should be straightened in the spring, and one repaired on Bedford line. A full description has been filed with the Town Clerk.

J. E. ROWELL,
E. B. HASKELL,
F. JAQUITH,
Selectmen of Billerica.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN FOR 1895:

	Estimates of Appropriation for 1895.	Amount of Appropriation for 1894.	Amount Expended, 1894.
Schools,	$ 72.00	$7,700.00	$8,172.35
Highways,	5,000.00	4,500.00	5,084.94
Bridges,	200.00	150.00	168.17
Fire Department,	800.00	600.00	930.93
Town Farm,	1,000.00	1,200.00	708.22
Outside Relief,	1,000.00	800.00	939.84
Debt Appropriation,	2,550.00	5,050.00	5,050 00
Interest,	1,600.00	1,450.00	1,790.00
State Aid,	——	——	——
Memorial Day,	125.00	115.00	115 00
Incidentals,	25.00	1,500.00	3,373.98
State Tax, County Tax,	4,000.00	4,000 00	3,684.96
Selectmen,	375.00	375.00	375 00
Assessors,	250.00	250.00	250.00
School Committee,	180.00	180.00	180.00
Constables,	90.00	90.00	90.00
Overseers of the Poor,	200.00	200.00	200.00
Town Clerk,	150.00	100.00	100.00
Town Treasurer,	250.00	200.00	200.00
Tax Collector,	350.00	350.00	250.00
Election Officers,	100.00	100.00	100.00
Soldiers' Relief,	100 00	100.00	16.52
Cemeteries,	150 00	100.00	100.00
Cattle Inspector,	400.00	——	548.14
Registrar Voters,	60.00	——	——
Auditors,	——	——	——
Fish Wardens,	100.00	——	——
Sidewalks,	100.00	——	——
Common,	75.00	100.00	75.00
Sinking f'd & Bond int't,	2,000.00	——	——

JOHN E. ROWELL,
ED. B. HASKELL,
FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
Selectmen.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Engineers beg leave to submit the following report of the Fire Department, and would recommend that the Town appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars to defray the expenses of the department for the ensuing year:

Warren Holden, salary,		$ 7 50
E. W. Livingston, salary,		7 50
Henry Livingston, salary,		7 50
B. F. Crosby, salary and steward,		22 50
M. H. McElligott, salary,		6 64
Ai Dane,	"	7 50
George E. Stearns,	"	5 00
W. A. Hibbard,	"	7 50
R. B. Holden,	"	7 50
John Sexton,	"	7 50
C. W. Parker,	"	5 00
John Newell,	"	7 50
Edward Butler,	"	7 50
Amos Frost,	"	6 64
B. G. Hutchins,	"	7 50
Warren Fellows,	"	7 50
William Stewart,	"	7 50
Philip Dolan,	"	6 67
W. E. Sprowl,	"	7 50
P. Kennelly,	"	6 64
John Farmer,	"	7 50
Engine Co. No. 1,	"	88 50
Hook & Ladder Co.	"	75 00
S. W. Stackpole,	"	7 50
F. E Colby,	"	7 50
C. H. Shedd,	"	7 50
H. A. King,	"	7 50
Geo. B. Smith,	"	3 34
Ed Barker,	"	7 50
B. N. Kearny,	"	5 00
F. R. Fellows,	"	1 66
E. F. Dickinson,	"	20 00

I. B. Randall, "	$6 68
H. H. Faulkner, "	2 50
H. W. Sheldon, "	20 00
T. E. Smith, "	12 17
A. S. Jackson, supplies,	47 50
Talbot Mills, "	9 21
H. W. Sheldon, "	13 50
B. W. Walker, "	7 50
E. F. Dickinson, keys,	40
A. S. Jackson, supplies,	41 50
Morris Hosmer, watching fires,	4 40
Victor Hosmer, "	4 40
S. W. Stackpole, "	4 40
Harry Fellows, "	2 00
Talbot Mills, labor Union Hall,	17 43
Thompson Hardware Co., supplies,	4 00
H. A. King, supplies,	6 00
W. J. Hutchins, salary,	2 50
G. E. Stearns, "	4 00
B. G. Hutchins, watching fires,	4 40
W. J. Hutchins, "	3 20
W. H. Hutchins, "	5 20
W. B. Morton, "	3 40
T. H. Kittridge, "	5 20
J. N. Allen, "	5 20
Geo. E. Stearns, "	2 75
Geo. E. Stearns, meals for firemen,	21 75
Hook and Ladder Co., watching fires,	19 60
W. E. Sprowl, "	5 40
E. A. Barker, "	2 80
F. A. Morey, supplies,	10 21
Warren Shedd, watching fires,	3 40
B. F. Crosby, "	4 00
W. J. Canning, "	6 40
Geo. H. Miller, "	5 20
John E. Farmer, "	2 80
F. E Colby, "	1 60
Hiram Barker, painting ladders and truck,	20 00
Thompson Hardware Co., supplies,	6 43
W. H. Sexton, repairs,	19 59
Smith Brothers, "	6 38

E. W. Livingston, supplies,	$6 40
H. D. Livingston, use of horses,	2 40
M. McElligott, watching fires,	2 00
J. C. Norcross, supplies,	6 97
Talbot Mills, "	6 99
P. Kennelly, watching fires,	3 00
W. A. Hibbard, supplies,	1 40
Warren Holden, watching fires,	3 40
J. C. Donovan, supplies,	11 50
Frank Woods, services from Nov., 1891, to Jan., 1893,	5 80
H. A. King, supplies,	3 25
H. C. Brown, labor,	2 38
Shawshene Lodge, Odd Fellows, use of hall,	18 00
Gillis & Gleason, magnetic bells,	13 00
	$857 18

Appropriation, $600.00; overdrawn, $257.18.

H. W. SHELDON,
E. B. HASKELL,
J. A. FOSTER,
Engineers of Billerica.

UNPAID BILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Billerica Shoe Co.,	$ 8 68
Dr. J. B. Tyler,	2 00
Ervin Frost,	5 00
W. C. Prentiss,	1 20
H. C. Brown,	2 50
J. Mahoney,	3 00
C. R. Wild,	5 00
Wm. H. Hutchins,	6 00
E. B. Haskell,	24 94
Total unpaid bills,	$58 32

REPORT OF FIRES IN THE TOWN OF BILLERICA, MASS., FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1895.

April 1, 1894.—Brush fire, Warren Holden's.

April 17, 1894.—Hen house, G. E. Stearns; alarm struck, 1.30 a. m.; cause, chicken brooder. Loss, $25.00.

April 30, 1894.—Brush fire in Colson's; alarm struck, 1.20 p. m.

May 13, 1894.—Woods near Nutting's Pond; alarms struck, 8.05 and 9.40 p. m. Loss, $600.00.

May 14, 1894.—Fire continued; alarms struck, 9.20 and 10.30 a. m. and 12.20 p. m.

May 26, 1894.—Flag station B. & M. R. R.; still alarm. Loss, $50.00.

June 23, 1894.—Brush fire; Colson's; alarm struck, 4.30 p. m.

June 26, 1894.—Brush fire, Colson's; alarm struck, 3 p. m.

June 27, 1894.—Woods, Mrs. Jones; two alarms struck at the Center; one alarm struck at the North; cause, boy and cigarette. Loss on cut wood, $300.00; standing wood, $75.00.

August 26, 1894.—House, Talbot Mills' tenement; alarm sounded at 2.30 a. m. Loss, $1,000.00.

Dec. 7, 1894.—Store, Hutchins & Wilson's; discovered, 1.30 a. m.; no alarm; cause, probably rats. Loss by damage to building, $75.00; damage to goods, $80.00.

Dec. 9, 1894.—Church, St. Andrew's; discovered, 3 p. m.; no alarm; cause, women under the influence of liquor.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

There are seven inmates at Town Farm. No deaths have occurred during the year. Number of tramps lodged, 640; meals furnished, 1,325

TOWN FARM ACCOUNT.

To appraisal of personal property, Feb. 13, 1894	$4,999 50	
Bills accepted by Selectmen	3,325 43	
		$8,324 93
To appraisal of personal property, Feb. 14, 1895	$4,404 10	
Paid by Superintendent to Treasurer	2,668 10	
		7,072 20
Balance against Almshouse,		$1,252 73

EXPENSES AT TOWN FARM.

March, 1894.

Paid	J. C. Parker and wife, superintendent and matron	$42 00
	John Watts, labor	20 00
	Wm. Robbins, labor	10 00
	Annie Walsh, housework	11 08
	C. A. Holt & Co., grain	74 74
	E. N. Wood & Co., grain	13 45
	Hutchins & Wilson, groceries	18 99
	F. W. Cheney & Co., hardware and seeds	12 02
	Offutt & Whitaker, furniture	3 22
	Benner & Corey, furniture	10 75
	W. G. Pinham, repairing furniture	10 00
	Hall, Perham & Co., meat	2 07
	For clothing, repairs, etc.	13 40
		$241 72

April.

Paid	J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
	John Watts, labor	15 00
	Wm. Robbins, labor	18 00
	Annie Walsh, housework	10 72
	C. A. Holt & Co., grain	48 12
	Hutchins & Wilson, groceries	16 54
	T. M. O'Niel & Co., groceries	17 04
	Bartlett & Dow, hardware and seeds	9 14
	W. H. Spalding & Co., paints	9 63
	John Clark, painting	7 50
	F. A. Tuttle, meat	42 30
	J. Baker, fish	12 34
	W. L. Gordon, trees	17 17
	Putnam & Son, clothing	2 35
	A. Parsons, blacksmith	1 00
	Sundry small bills	8 29
		$277 14

May.

Paid	J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
	John Watts, labor	15 00
	Wm. Robbins, labor	18 00
	Annie Walsh, housework	8 29

Paid C. A. Holt & Co., grain	$37 15
Mrs. J. Perry, groceries	5 00
E. Baker, meat	40 76
Holden Bros., meat	23 12
Johnson Bros., meat	1 90
F. A. Morey, fertilizer	89 22
E. N. Wood, ground bone, etc.	13 02
W. H. Parker & Sons, manure	26 49
J. C. Welch, painting	6 00
J. Wright, repairing wagons	5 75
Swett & Co., employment bureau	1 00
Talbot Chemical Co., potash.	2 40
Bill of items	2 30
	$337 40

JUNE.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
John Watts, labor	15 00
Wm. Robbins, labor	14 75
Edward S. Miller, labor	4 50
John Ford, labor	11 00
Nellie McCullough, housework	15 00
C. A. Holt & Co., grain	56 66
Hutchins & Wilson, groceries	27 64
E. Baker, butchering, etc.	5 40
N. Piersons, sour milk	8 20
Faulkner Manufacturing Co., coal	51 94
Bill of items	5 84
	$257 93

JULY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
John Watts, labor	15 00
Wm. Robbins, labor	18 00
John Heenan, labor	23 00
S. E. Badger, labor	3 00
Nellie McCullough, housework	13 29
C. A. Holt & Co., grain	53 12
Hutchins & Wilson, groceries, etc.	21 98
Holden Bros., meat and groceries	24 48

Paid E. Baker, meat	$14 46
William E. Livingston, bone and plaster	9 95
W. H. Spalding & Co., paints	16 61
E. P. McCoy, repairing wagons	9 04
Putnam & Son, clothing	3 40
H. C. Brown, tin	1 50
Sundries	3 06
	$271 89

AUGUST.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
John Watts, labor	15 00
Wm. Robbins, labor	10 39
John Heenan, labor	5 00
John Williams, labor	3 00
Nellie McCullough, housework	13 29
C. A. Holt, grain	185 02
Bartlett & Dow, hay fork, etc.	41 47
C. S. Smith, work	2 00
Hugh Gildee, manure	5 00
Davis & Sargent, boxes	5 00
Swett & Co., employment bureau	1 00
Sundry small bills	8 25
	$336 42

SEPTEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
John Watts, labor	15 00
Wm. Robbins, labor	18 00
John Delaney, labor	11 00
James McDonald, labor	1 50
Nellie McCullough, housework	12 86
Gay & Waterhouse, grain	37 96
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	85
F. W. Cheney, hardware	10 53
Israel Bent, belting	2 25
John Murphy, 1 shoat	6 50
Sundry bills	4 95
	$163 40

OCTOBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
John Watts, labor	15 00
Wm. Robbins, labor	18 00
John Delaney, labor	20 00
Nellie McCullough, housework	3 00
Gay & Waterhouse, grain	55 27
Mrs. J. Perry, groceries	5 25
T. M. O'Niel, groceries	2 80
A. Parsons, blacksmith	8 60
Beard & McCoy, repairs	7 90
Putnam & Son, clothing	3 35
L. Mansfield, 2 cows	69 76
Ross Bros, corn cutter and carrier	60 00
G. F. Colson, potatoes	14 00
For expenses, 3 trips to Boston market	5 25
For barrels	10 60
For work	2 00
	$342 78

NOVEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
John Watts, labor	15 00
Wm. Robbins, labor	18 00
Hutchins & Wilson, groceries	52 14
Gay & Waterhouse, grain	64 89
E. N. Wood & Co., grain	5 98
S. C. Shirley, medicine	5 90
W. H. Hutchins, pasture	10 00
J. E. Rowell, 2 cows	100 00
Wm. Sexton, blacksmith	1 25
Wm. F. Symmes, making cider	3 98
For expenses to Boston market	2 25
For Lowell Journal	1 50
Bill of items	3 55
	$326 44

DECEMBER.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
John Watts, labor	15 00

Paid Wm. Robbins, labor	$ 18 00
Mary Perks, housework	12 86
Gay & Waterhouse, grain	64 05
Hutchins & Wilson, groceries and grain	30 49
J. F. Bruce, kerosene oil	3 07
Johnson Bros., meat	2 11
Henry Harris & Co., one horse	73 50
For sundries	2 72
	$263 80

JANUARY, 1895.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
John Watts, labor	15 00
Gay & Waterhouse, grain	43 30
E. N. Wood & Co., grain	3 68
Hutchins & Wilson, grain, etc.	18 31
Holden Bros., meat, etc.	81 65
J. F. Bruce, groceries, etc.	4 82
J. Baker, fish	21 17
Martin & Langley, tinware	3 83
Putnam & Son, clothing	13 50
J. C. Glidden, boots and shoes	16 56
H. Hutchins, meat	3 57
W. Robbins and others, work on ice	4 25
For sundries	2 75
	$274 39

FEBRUARY.

Paid J. C. Parker and wife	$42 00
Wm. Robbins, labor	12 00
Gay & Waterhouse, grain	37 72
Hutchins & Wilson, groceries	9 89
F. A. Morey, groceries	7 80
T. M. O'Niel, groceries	3 76
E. Baker, meat	11 36
J. Baker, fish	2 76
A. O. Dane, blacksmith	47 63
J. O. Richardson, sawing	19 56
Dr. O. A. Flint, medical attendance	36 50

Paid Baptist Society, pew rent	$5 00
Cook & Taylor, dry goods	8 22
Thomas Fay, manure	4 50
C. S. Smith, pigs	7 50
For sundries	2 92
	$259 12

SALES AT TOWN FARM.

March, 1894.

Received for milk	$108 53
for poultry	2 65
for eggs	3 74
for pork	14 55
for calf	10 00
for vegetables	12 82
for sundries	7 10
	$159 39

April.

Received for milk	$142 05
for poultry	3 75
for eggs	32 86
for pork	8 50
for vegetables	7 95
for calf	2 50
for sundries	2 50
	$200 11

May.

Received for milk	$117 93
for eggs	2 59
for calf	2 25
for vegetables	25 87
for sundries	2 00
	$150 64

June.

Received for milk	$140 91
for eggs	27 86
for vegetables	7 10

Received for strawberries	$ 31 64
for work	4 40
for cow	25 00
for calves	10 00
for pig	3 00
	$249 91

JULY.

Received for milk	$130 58
for eggs	18 44
for vegetables	18 18
for strawberries	10 53
for straw	6 75
for shoat	6 50
for pine trees	43 00
for sundries	1 59
	$235 57

AUGUST.

Received for milk	$120 53
for fruit and vegetables	66 00
for eggs	1 16
for board	12 00
for work	3 00
	$202 69

SEPTEMBER.

Received for milk	$112 08
for vegetables	61 06
for fruit	15 41
for sundries	1 65
	$190 20

OCTOBER.

Received for milk	$101 56
for vegetables	58 36
for fruit	43 45
for eggs	11 43
for sundries	2 50
	$217 30

NOVEMBER.

Received for milk	$135 63
for eggs	33 84
for apples	114 05
for vegetables	20 15
for poultry	8 32
for calf	2 00
of Advertising Co.	5 00
	$318 99

DECEMBER.

Received for milk	$109 44
for eggs	9 60
for poultry	21 86
for vegetables	5 42
for cider	3 60
for cows	103 30
for calf	2 00
for work	7 00
	$262 22

JANUARY, 1895.

Received for milk	$100 48
for vegetables	82 87
for poultry and eggs	16 70
for pork	2 24
for calf	1 50
	$203 79

FEBRUARY, 1895.

Received for milk	$112 12
for vegetables and fruit	44 64
for eggs	8 19
for hens	9 60
for cattle and hogs	29 59
for horse	3 00
for boards	38 39
for wood	19 37
for work	1 50
	$266 40

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

FEBRUARY 14, 1895.

Fifteen cows	$600 00
Three heifers	60 00
One bull	20 00
Three horses	375 00
One hundred fifty-two hens	114 00
Twenty-seven tons hay	486 00
Three tons straw	48 00
Twenty-two tons ensilage	88 00
Grain	191 25
Beans	20 00
Seed	7 00
Coal	20 00
Wood	125 00
Manure	265 00
Ice	60 00
Vegetables	63 25
Provisions	40 00
Groceries	44 10
Cider, vinegar, and casks	50 00
Flour	6 00
Apples	6 00
Drugs and medicines	5 00
Lumber	76 50
Covered and Concord wagons	65 00
Market wagon	70 00
One two-horse wood wagon	75 00
One one-horse farm wagon	50 00
Three carts	150 00
Manure spreader	30 00
One pung	25 00
Two sleds	30 00
Harnesses	70 00
Blankets, buffalo and lap robes	25 00
Horse power	30 00
Ensilage cutter and carrier	75 00
Corn planter and seed sower	22 00
One mowing machine	25 00
One hay tedder	30 00

Derrick, blocks, ropes, etc.	$ 80 00
Ice tools	8 00
Wheels, barrels, baskets, boxes, and bags	30 00
Farming tools	165 00
Horse fork, rope, and carrier	30 00
Chest and tools	10 00
Paint stock and brushes	8 00
Furniture in Superintendent's apartments	85 00
Furniture in inmates' apartments	190 00
Contents of attic	45 00
Contents of tramp house	12 00
Bedspreads, blankets, comforters, and linen	30 00
Sheeting, table linen, and towels	20 00
Kitchen furniture and cooking utensils	85 00
Earthen, glass, and stone ware	35 00
Knives, forks, spoons, etc.	10 00
Lanterns, lamps, and oil cans	7 00
Milk dishes	12 00
	$4,404 10

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Paid Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board of Mary Morrissey	$169 46
Northampton Lunatic Hospital, board of Elizabeth Kintrea	126 75
City of Lowell, aid to Emily Riley and children	27 00
Aid to Mrs. Patrick O'Hare and children	6 28
Aid to Mrs. William Kiley and niece	56 31
Aid to William Austin, Sr., and family, paid by Methuen	88 40
Board and clothing for Harris children, paid by Town of Cohasset	366 36
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board of Ellen Murphy	67 90
Board of Foster children, to be paid by City of Lowell	14 50
Aid to Robert Smith	2 00

Medical attendance for James Werner, to be paid by Town of Dedham	$ 14 50
Medical attendance to E. Leighton	3 00
Medical attendance to Stephen Miller	2 00
Burial of Stephen Miller	25 00
Dr. O. A. Flint, for professional services and medicines to Town's poor to April, 1894	36 50
Aid to destitute strangers	3 29
Aid to Patrick Robinson, to be paid by the State	15 71
	$1,024 96

UNPAID BILLS.

Northampton Lunatic Hospital, board of Elizabeth Kintrea	$42 71
Aid to Mrs. P. O'Hare and children	76 62
Aid to Mrs. William Kiley and niece	81 80
Aid to William Austin, Sr., and family	15 18
Medical attendance for James Werner	10 00
Board and clothing for Maud Kittredge	52 69
Aid to Patrick Robinson, to be paid by the State	32 32
Aid to James Doyle	23 50
Aid to Mrs. Elisha Pasho	16 00
Aid to Edwin Keyes	34 50
Aid to George McIntire	9 50
Aid to Fannie Mallinson	2 75
Aid to Mrs. J. O'Brien	2 03
Aid to Mrs. Trefry	6 04
	$405 64

JOHN E. ROWELL,
COBURN S. SMITH,
GEORGE F. COLSON,
Overseers of Poor.

APPRAISAL OF TOWN TEAMS.

Four horses	$550 00
Three carts	250 00
Five harnesses	125 00
Three sleds	50 00

Eight horse blankets	$ 18 00
Halters and surcingles	5 00
Combs and brushes	1 50
Road scraper	115 00
Grain chest	5 00
Scythes and snaths	4 00
Stove	6 50
Drag	4 00
Jack and wrenches	2 50
Stone hammer	2 00
Screen	2 50
Ploughs	8 00
Bars, picks, and grubs	15 00
Fly nets and chains	8 00
Shovels and rake	4 00
Axes and forks	3 75
Three eveners	5 00
One derrick	25 00
Whiffletrees	4 25
Feed baskets and bells	2 00
Rope, pails, and brooms	2 00
Powder, fuse, and ladder	1 50
Grindstone and lantern	6 00
Pulley block and canvas	6 00
Hay and grain	9 00
	$1,195 50

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
Selectmen of Billerica.

TOWN OFFICERS.

H. C. Brown, salary,	$250 00
O. A. Flint, salary 1893,	60 00

HIGHWAYS.

The Superintendent of Highways would submit the following report: I would recommend that the Town build a suitable covering or shed on the end of the new barn to accommodate the road scraper, and also for the storage of tools. Gravel will have to be purchased this year in different parts of the Town. At the West side and also at East Billerica gravel is needed, and at South Billerica the highways need considerable work done, especially on main road from Mr. Shepard's house to Mr. Thomas Lyons'; also the causeway from the iron bridge to Mr. C. S. Smith's. The bridges are all in good condition, with the exception of the Corner bridge; that will need to be replanked.

Respectfully,

GEO. C. CROSBY,

Superintendent.

HIGHWAY EXPENSES.

MARCH, 1894.

A. N. Fezette, salary,	$50 00
J. L. Simpson, "	36 00
W. H. Batchelder, salary,	36 00
P. W. Tully, 20 days at $1.75,	35 00
John Stahle, 19 1-2 days at $1.75,	34 12
John Newell, 19 1-2 days at $1.75,	34 12
H. E. Stevens, 19 1-2 days at $1.75,	34 12
J. B. Stearns, snow,	4 75
E. W. Livingston, snow,	2 40
Josiah Wright, "	9 60
Ed. Manning, "	14 40
F. R. Lewis, "	8 00
J. Hopkinson, "	15 20
J. F. Buckley and others, snow,	12 60
Ed. Richardson and others, snow,	15 50
F. A. Morey, supplies,	12 51
J. Stahle, gravel,	7 80
H. P. Barker, painting guide boards,	5 00

L. W. Holden, supplies,	$ 2 75
Smith Bros., lumber,	2 79
C. A. Holt, grain,	37 70
A. O'Dane, blacksmith,	43 14
S. D. Poland, snow,	4 20
	$457 70

April, 1894.

Geo. C. Crosby, Superintendent,	$50 00
P. W. Tully, 19 days at $1.75,	33 25
J. Newell, 19 days at $1.75,	33 25
L. Belisle, 19 days at $1.75,	33 25
J. Stahle, 18 days at $1.75,	29 75
C. S. Smith, gravel,	50 00
H. S. Harris & Co, horses,	280 00
W. H. Sexton, blacksmith,	7 35
J. Farmer, snow,	4 00
C. S. Smith, labor,	14 37
J. L. Simpson,	36 00
W. H. Batchelder,	36 00
	$607 22

May, 1894.

George C. Crosby, Superintendent	$50 00
P. W. Tully, 19½ days at $1.75	34 12
J. Newell, 17½ days at $1.75	30 62
J. Stahle, 19 days at $1.75	33 25
L. Belisle, 18½ days at $1.75	32 37
H. A. King, harness	87 00
E. B. Haskell, hay	42 41
F. A. Morey, supplies	23 66
W. Stewart, snow, 1893	3 40
Barker Manufacturing Company, pipe	11 92
F. H. Parker, posts	8 20
Staple Bros., pipe drain	3 04
J. C. Parker, snow, 1893	4 40
C. A. Holt, grain	23 86
Ed Miller, labor	10 50

H. A. King, supplies	$ 14 45
J. L. Simpson, teamster	36 00
W. H. Batchelder, teamster	36 00
	$485 20

JUNE, 1894.

George C. Crosby, Superintendent	$50 00
P. W. Tully, 25½ days at $1.75	44 63
J. Newell, 26 days at $1.75	45 50
L. Belisle, 25½ days at $1.75	44 63
J. Stahle, 24½ days at $1.75	42 88
E. B. Haskell, hay	34 89
J. W. Essex, snow	3 20
C. A. Holt, grain	27 65
Josiah Wright, posts	8 33
J. L. Simpson, teamster	36 00
W. H. Batchelder, teamster	36 00
	$373 71

JULY, 1894.

George C. Crosby, Superintendent	$42 00
P. W. Tully, 18 days at $1.75	31 50
J. Newell, 21 days at $1.75	36 75
L. Belisle, 17½ days at $1.75	30 62
J. Stahle, 24 days at $1.75	42 00
B. Kearney, snow	6 60
F. H. Parker, lumber	47 50
W. H. Sexton, blacksmith	39 20
J. C. Parker, labor	6 75
J. L. Simpson	36 00
W. H. Batchelder	36 00
	$354 92

AUGUST, 1894.

George C. Crosby, Superintendent	$50 00
P. W. Tully, 25 days at $1.75	43 75
J. Newell, 22 days at $1.75	38 50
L. Belisle, 24 days at $1.75	42 00
J. Stahle, 25 days at $1.75	43 75
F. A. Morey, supplies	29 16
H. Munroe, hay	10 02
A. W. Allen, labor	33 37

Thomas Fayden, labor	$ 8 75
Sewell Stearns, labor	3 50
T. McElligott, labor	3 50
Ed. Manning, labor	21 37
J. L. Simpson	36 00
W. H. Batchelder	36 00
	$399 67

SEPTEMBER, 1894

Geo. C. Crosby, Superintendent,	$50 00
P. W. Tully, 21 days at $1.75,	36 75
J. Newell, 19 days at $1.75,	33 25
L. Belisle, 21 days at $1.75,	36 75
J. Stahle, 21 days at $1.75,	36 75
H. A. King, supplies,	7 75
J. Downey, hay,	21 50
C. A. Holt, grain,	22 47
A. O. Dane, blacksmith,	42 45
S. Stearns, labor,	5 25
Ed. Manning, labor,	67 50
J. L. Simpson,	36 00
W. H. Batchelder,	36 00
	$432 42

OCTOBER, 1894.

Geo. C. Crosby, Superintendent,	$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster,	36 00
W. H. Batchelder, teamster,	36 00
P. W. Tully, 21 1-2 days at $1.75,	37 62
J. Newell,	34 12
L. Belisle, 21 1-2 days at $1.75,	37 62
J. Stahle, 21 1-2 days at $1 75,	37 62
W. A. Sherman, veterinary,	6 00
E. R. Fowler, gravel,	10 95
Bartlett & Dow,	3 50
W. Sutcliffe, labor,	57 00
Warren Shedd, straw,	15 40
W. H. Sexton, blacksmith,	21 07
F. A. Morey, supplies,	74 20
	$457 10

NOVEMBER, 1894.

Geo. C. Crosby, Superintendent	$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster	36 00
W. H. Batchelder, teamster	36 00
P. W. Tully, 18½ days, $1.75	32 37
J. Newell, 19½ days, $1.75	33 25
L. Belisle, 17 days, $1.75	29 75
J. Stahle, 17½ days, $1.75	30 62
Aaron Pasho, labor	1 00
	$248 99

DECEMBER, 1894.

Geo. C. Crosby, Superintendent	$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster	36 00
W. H. Batchelder, teamster	29 08
P. W. Tully, 8½ days, $1.75	14 87
J. Newell, 8½ days, $1.75	14 87
L. Belisle, 8½ days, $1.75	14 87
J. Stahle, 8½ days, $1.75	14 87
A. W. Allen, labor	27 69
W. H. Sexton	32 85
J. Pasho, hay	12 90
J. F. Bruce, supplies	8 49
W. A. Sherman, veterinary	3 80
F. A. Morey, supplies	32 62
Gay & Waterhouse, grain	49 47
T. E. Smith, moving sheds	14 65
J. O. Richardson, plank	4 94
H. C. Brown	8 75
J. H. Foster, straw	6 60
B. W. Kearney	4 00
Insurance on building and horses	13 50
	$394 82

JANUARY, 1895.

George C. Crosby, Superintendent	$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster	36 00
W. H. Batchelder, teamster	27 60
H. S. Harris & Co., horse	70 00

J. C. Parker, ex.	$ 1 60
W. H. Sexton, blacksmith	23 02
Baptist Church, concrete	20 00
W. A. Sherman, veterinary	6 00
F. A. Morey, supplies	37 76
W. Alexander, snow	10 10
A. Brown, hay	71 85
P. O'Hearn	56 70
O. A. Kelly, horse	46 00
E. W. Livingston, lumber	4 50
	$461 16

FEBRUARY, 1895.

George C. Crosby, Superintendent	$50 00
J. L. Simpson, teamster	36 00
W. H. Batchelder, teamster	36 00
P. W. Tully	8 00
A. Johnson	70
J. Hammond	70
D. Turner	4 10
J. Randall	3 10
F. Woods	70
C Morris	4 10
W. H. Hutchins	70
B. Reed	70
F. Bartlett	2 40
H. A. King, sundries	12 50
B. W. Kearney, snow	15 00
Gay & Waterhouse, grain	38 50
Bennett Bros.	20 11
C. S. Smith	6 40
J E. Rowell	29 80
Edwin Manning	12 00
F. A. Morey	47 67
W. F. Symmes	5 08
A. O. Dane	25 75
W. H Sexton	4 02
	$354 03

Total, $5,034 94.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1893.	
Balance uncollected	$2,862 73
Assessment added February 28, 1895	39 90
Interest collected	87 07
Total	$2,989 70
Paid Treasurer	2,337 74
Balance uncollected	$651 96
Abatements, 1893	$39 93
1894.	
Total amount assessed	$20,950 67
Interest collected	14 64
Total	$20,965 31
Paid Treasurer	16,997 83
Balance uncollected	3,967 48
Abatement, 1894	$61 60

H. C. BROWN,
Collector.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1895.

We find in making our appraisal for the year 1894 an increase on personal property of $14,529.00; also an increase on real estate of $21,795.00.

Total valuation of real and personal property, $1,792,859.

COBURN S. SMITH,
JOHN E. ROWELL,
GEORGE F. COLSON,
Assessors of Billerica.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1894.		MONEY RECEIVED.	
March	1.	Balance on hand	$3,736 94
	15.	Received from Treasurer Commonwealth of Massachusetts, support of paupers . . .	140 70
	31.	" H. M. Hutchins, use hay scales, No. Billerica . .	24 25
April	7.	" John E. Rowell for horse sold	40 00
	26.	" John E. Rowell for horse sold	45 00
	26.	" J. N. Pardee, Sec'y School Committee . . .	7 64
May	26.	" Arthur O. Buck, Chairman, on account School Supt. .	418 62
	28.	Borrowed from Trustees Howe School, at 5 per cent, in anticipation of taxes 1894 . . .	4,000 00
June	26.	Received from Town of Wilmington .	7 76
July	3.	" Clerk Police Court, Lowell .	8 00
	13.	" Donovan Bros. for Peddler's license	8 00
	28.	Borrowed from Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, at 5 per cent, in anticipation of taxes 1894 . . .	3,000 00
Sept	6.	Received from J. L. Simpson for Liberty pole	5 00
	20.	Borrowed from Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, at 5 per cent, in anticipation of taxes 1894 . . .	3,000 00
Oct.	9.	Received from H. W. Sheldon for use of Union Hall . . .	51 50
Dec.	11.	" Treasurer Commonwealth of Mass., corporation tax .	3,876 94
		National Bank tax .	393 09
		Military aid . . .	30 00
		State aid . . .	851 00

Dec. 30.	Received from B. & M. R. R. for work done at bridge . .	$37	50
1895.			
Jan. 24.	" Talbot Mills for part payment for building retaining wall at Union Hall .	40	00
25.	" Treasurer Commonwealth of Massachusetts for income Mass. School Fund . .	245	09
31.	" Middlesex County for rebate on dog licenses 1894 .	169	07
Feb. 9 .	" School appropriation for services of Janitor, Truant Officer, etc., at Union Hall School	96	20
28.	" G. C. Crosby, Superintendent Highways, for use of Town teams, etc. . .	16	00
	" C. A. Schult for lumber from Old Vault . . .	1	58
	" F. A. Morey for one-half receipts for use of Town scales May 1, 1894, to March 1, 1895 . .	10	80
	" Treasurer Town of Methuen during year for support of poor	63	00
	" Treasurer Town of Cohasset during year for support of poor	434	35
	" Superintendent Town Farm during year for sales .	2,187	0
	" sale of Town Hall bonds in October, 1894 . . .	31,840	67
	" Tax Collector during year, taxes 1893 and 1894 .	19,425	57
	Interest accrued on deposit in M. L. & T. Co., Boston	79	28
		$74,290	57

MONEY EXPENDED.

Oct. 30, 1894.	Paid Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, money borrowed July 28, 1894, in anticipation of taxes	$3,000 00
Feb. 9, 1895.	Howe School one-half of note borrowed May 28, 1894, in anticipation of taxes	2,000 00
Approved bills.	Interest. Paid during year	1,082 00
	Town debt " " "	5 050 00
	Schools " " "	7,843 36
	Highways " " "	4,685 41
	Fire Department " " "	930 93
	Town Farm " " "	2,831 92
	Outside relief " " "	1,058 93
	Soldiers' relief " " "	16 52
	Incidentals " " "	3,325 13
	State and military aid " " "	895 00
	State and County tax " " "	3,684 76
	Election officers " " "	93 00
	Street lighting " " "	450 00
	Bridges " " "	168 17
	Memorial Day " " "	115 00
	Care of Common " " "	75 00
	New Town Hall " " "	12,368 11
	Plans for Town Hall " " "	750 00
	Interest on Town Hall bonds, paid October, 1894, 6 months . .	600 00
	Care of Cemeteries. Paid during year	135 25
	Building for Town Teams. Paid during year	1,072 77
	Cistern. Paid during year . .	145 77
	Curbing Wilson and Elm Streets, North Billerica	500 00
	Draining Wilson Street, North Billerica	605 12
	Salary Tax Collector, on account .	250 00
	Taxes abated, 1893	39 93
	" " 1894	61 60
		53,833 68
Amounts carried forward, ...		$53,833 68

Amounts brought forward, ...	$53,833 68
Feb. 28, 1895. Balance cash on hand	20,456 89
	$74,290 57
Balance	$20,456 89
Less amount deposited to credit of the new Town Hall appropriation, and which cannot be used for any other purpose	19,551 84
Leaving balance general account . .	$905 05

JOHN A. RICHARDSON.
Treasurer *pro tem.*

REPORTS OF TRUST FUNDS IN HANDS OF TREASURER, FEBRUARY 28, 1895, PRESENT VALUE.

Bowers and Joseph Stearns Fund for care of worthy poor.

Bowers' fund		$13,170 84
Stearns' "		2,000 00
		$15,170 84
Balance on hand, March 1, '94, . .	$278 61	
Received on income, ...	215 00	
	$493 61	
Paid on order of Committee, . . .	429 01	
Balance on hand, ...	$64 60	

Thompson Fund, to be used in Fox Hill Cemetery, present value, ...	$1,104 06
Calvin Rogers Fund (No. Cemetery), ...	510 19
Sweetser Fund (care of lot in So. Cemetery), . .	1,130 00
Betsy Cowdrey Fund (care lot in No. Cemetery), .	62 00
Abbot Singing Fund (teaching sacred music), . .	1,484 00
Winthrop Faulkner Fund (Library), ...	1,000 00
Gray Cemetery Fund (Fox Hill), ...	530 00
	$20,991 09

JOHN A. RICHARDSON,
Treasurer *pro tem.*

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Amount due Town from Commonwealth of Mass.	$ 114 03
" " " " City of Lowell	14 50
" " " " Methuen	55 68
" " " " Superintendent Town Farm	515 00
" " " " Collector of Taxes, 1893	651 96
" " " " " " 1894	3,967 48
Balance in hands of Treasurer February 28, 1895	905 05
Available assets	$6,223 70

UNPAID BILLS.

Schools	$ 339 00
Highways	349 53
Outside relief	405 64
Fire Department	58 32
Incidentals	660 99
Town Farm	533 51
Election Officers	10 00
Town Officers, salary	1,245 00
Interest	708 00
	$4,309 99
Insurance on old Hall, appropriated to new Hall, and unpaid	$1,500 00
Balance due cistern appropriation of 1893	436 10
Town notes borrowed in anticipation of taxes, and unpaid	5,000 00
	$11,246 09
Less available assets	6,223 70
Net deficit for 1894	$5,022 39

To Whom Due.	Date of Note.	When Due.	Rate Per cent.	Amount.
Trustees Howe School	June 3, 1852.	1 year.	6 per ct.	$1,000 00
Bowers Fund	Dec. 1, 1871.	Demand.	5 "	5,960 00
" "	Jan. 18, 1873.	"	5 "	400 00
" "	May 15, 1874.	"	5 "	800 00
Trustees Howe School	July 12, 1878.	"	6 "	1,000 00
" " "	Aug. 13, 1878.	"	6 "	1,000 00
" " "	Sept. 11, 1879.	"	6 "	1,500 00

" " "	Mar. 20, 1880.	"	6	"	1,400 00
" " "	Aug. 4, 1880.	"	6	"	500 00
*Bowers Fund . .	Nov. 3, 1885.	"	5	"	2,000 00
†Commonwealth Mass.	Jan. 25, 1892.	1896.	4¼	"	1,000 00
" " " " "		1897.	4¼	"	1,000 00
" " " " "		1898.	4¼	"	1,000 00
" " " " "		1899.	4¼	"	1,000 00
‡Orthodox Cong. Soc'y	Oct. 9, 1895.	1895.	5	"	500 00
" " " " " "		1896.	5	"	500 00
" " " " " "		1897.	5	"	500 00
" " " " " "		1898.	5	"	500 00
‡John Fisk . . .	" 8, "	1895.	6	"	500 00
" . . .	" " "	1896.	6	"	500 00
" . . .	" " "	1897.	6	"	500 07
§Miss Martha Hussey .	" 19, "	1895.	5	"	550 00
					$23,610 00
Deficit for 1894					5,022 39
Floating debt February 28, 1894					$28,632 39
Bonded debt for new Town Hall					30,000 00
					$58,632 39

OBJECT OF LOAN: *School North Billerica. †Pollard School. ‡Fordway Bridge. §Repairs Pollard School.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
Selectmen of Billerica.

BRIDGES.

Appropriation, ...		$150 00
Arthur Allen, repairs on bridges, . .	$44 26	
H. C. Brown, painting Fordway bridge, .	4 62	
Arthur Allen, repairs Hill's bridge, . .	15 59	
F. H. Parker, lumber, ...	103 70	
		$168 17

SIDEWALKS, NORTH BILLERICA.

Appropriation, ...	$500 00
B. Kearney, labor, ...	500 00

DECORATION DAY, 1894.

Appropriation,		$115 00
Balance, 1893,		11 93
		$126 93
Expenditures,		118 15
Balance on hand		$8 78

COBURN S. SMITH,
Treasurer Billerica Veteran Association.

SOUTH CEMETERY.

E. W. Brown, labor	$10 00
D. O'Keef, labor	25 50
	$35 50

NORTH CEMETERY.

Samuel Osgood, labor,	$70 50
" " labor from Jan. 1, '93, to Jan. 1, '94,	18 30
" " labor from Jan. 1, '94, to Jan. 1, '95,	19 95
	$108 75

COMMON.

Appropriation,		$100 00
B. F. Crosby, painting fence,	$25 00	
R. B. Holden, care of common,	39 50	
P. Tully, labor,	1 75	
John Stahle, labor,	1 75	
John Newell, labor,	5 25	
L. Belisle, labor,	1 75	
		$75 00
Unexpended		$25 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation	$100 00
Silas Cowdry	16 52
Unexpended	$83 48

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation	$500 00
R. B. Holden, Treasurer B. C. V. I. A.	50 00
W. A. Evans, Treasurer N. B. V. I. A.	250 00
Albert Stearns, lighting streets, 1893	50 00

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Appropriation	$100 00
Money drawn	103 00

CISTERNS.

Balance from 1893 appropriation		$575 37
Cyrus Barton	$100 00	
Barker Manufacturing Company	39 27	
George H. Holt, labor	6 50	
		$145 77

ENGINE HOUSE.

Appropriation,		$1000 00
Smith Bros., labor,	$1,050 77	
Arthur Allen, plans, etc.,	10 00	
Insurance,	12 00	
		$1,072 77

NEW TOWN HALL.

Appropriation for plans and estimates	$750 00
Warren & Bacon	750 00

NEW TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

C. H. Nelson, contractor, account	$5,500 00
Boston Daily Advertiser, advertising	11 63
Heirs of Mary B. Parker, land	1,175 00
Smith & Brooks, surveyors	29 00
Beacon Lithograph	44 00
C. H. Nelson, contractor, account	5,000 00
Josiah Wright, drain pipe and labor	192 15
Gay & Waterhouse, coal	16 33
Warren & Bacon, plans, etc.	400 00
	$12,368 11

INTEREST ON TOWN BONDS.

Special appropriation	$600 00
Expended	600 00

APPROPRIATION FOR DRAINING WILSON STREET.

H. C. Brown drain pipe	$92 00
M. McElman, labor	15 75
Joseph Potts, labor	38 56
Talbot Mills, labor	86 97
Staples Bros., material	53 75
Smith & Brooks	10 00
P. O'Hearn, brick and cement	27 16
Edward Spaulding, paving	280 93
	$605 12
Appropriation	$520 00

REPORT OF BIRTHS IN BILLERICA, 1894.

DATE.	NAME.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER.	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER.
Jan. 3	Sara May Hopkinson	Female	Isaac and Mary A. (Graham)	Farmer	England	Malden
Jan. 31	Albert Kingsley Switzer	Male	Jethro D. and Patience (Stott)	Wool sorter	Ireland	England
Feb. 2	Ethel Harper Stevenson	Female	William and Elizabeth (Howarth)	Wool sorter	England	England
Feb. 10	Hilda Lois Perry	Female	Richard T. and Harriet (Heap)	Grocer	Andover	England
Feb. 21	Agnes J. Hennessey	Female	Michael H. and Annie (Collins)	Dye hand	Ireland	Ireland
March 9	Rachael H. Broadbent	Female	John W. and Harriet (Bogson)	Weaver	England	England
March 21	Arthur S. Witherell	Male	Sidney and Sadie E. (Martin)	Section foreman	Nova Scotia	P. E. Island
April 12	Melvin Russell Dickey	Male	Martin V. and Ann A. (Murphy)	Laborer	New Hampshire	New Brunswick
April 17	Newell A. Ritchie	Male	James and Maggie (Maddison)	Loom fixer	Scotland	Peacham, Vt.
May 11	Mary Ellen Ready	Female	William J. and Lizzie (Conway)	Dyer	Scotland	Scotland
May 15	Clarence Elmer McElmer	Male	Matthew and Alice (Shaw)	Stone mason	New Brunswick	Halifax, N. S.
May 29	Born dead	Female	John and Mary (Mahoney)	Watchman	Ireland	Ireland
June 24	Hollis Earl Morton	Male	Earl H. and May L. (Welch)	Telegraph operator	Bangor, Me	Deer Island, N.B.
July 5	Lillian May Johnson	Female	Ralph and May (Young)	Carpenter	Nova Scotia	P. E. Island
July 15	Ainsley B. Walker	Male	Joseph and Jane (Copeland)	Weaver	England	England
July 16	Maud Esther McIntyre	Female	George and Gertrude (Martin)	Laborer	Tewksbury	Boston Highlands
July 29	Eva May Bicknell	Female	Frank J. and Nellie M. (Essex)	Teamster	Hampden, Me	Billerica
Aug. 29	William T. O'Brien	Male	Jerre and Bridget (Hogan)	Dye hand	Ireland	Ireland
Sept. 5	Thomas Edwin Fayton	Male	Thomas and Lillie M. (Essex)	Laborer	P. E. Island	Billerica
Sept. 5	Frederick Sears Cook	Male	Arthur S. and Carrie E. (Baker)	Butcher	Charlestown	Billerica
Sept. 11	Gordon Grant	Male	Robert G. and Hannah (Hall)	Coachman	Scotland	Newport, Vt.
Sept. 19	Arthur Floyd Turner	Male	Douglas and Elswitha (Wilson)	Carpenter	Port Elgin, N. B.	St. John, N. B.
Sept. 24	Francis Xavier McDonald	Male	Stephen A. and Matilda (Morlin)	Farmer	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia
Sept. 25	Edna Josephine Sellen	Female	Lewis and Elizabeth (Parks)	Builder	Provincetown	Arlington
Sept. 29	Kate F. Casey	Female	William and Mary (Crawley)	Dye hand	Ireland	Ireland
Oct. 8	Jeremiah Edward Collins Born dead —— Collins	Male Twins	Michael and Mary (Murphy)	Section hand	Ireland	Ireland
Oct. 15	Laurence Jennison Greenwood	Male	George P. and Alice (Harding)	Farmer	Billerica	Lowell
Oct. 20	Ralph William Messer	Male	Freeman and Bessie A. (Stearns)	Laborer	Maine	Billerica
Oct. 29	Elsie Harriet Smith	Female	Perley D. and Sadie (Rhodes)	Weaver	Buxton, Me	Lowell
Nov. 4	Nora Stearns Colby	Female	Herbert F. and Abby P. (Lewis)	Farmer	Saybrook, Conn.	West Avon, Conn
Nov. 21	James Henry Hayes	Male	Michael and Julia (McCarthy)	Section foreman	Ireland	Ireland
Nov. 23	John Buckley Maxwell	Male	William and Lizzie (Buckley)	Loom fixer	Baltimore, Md	Billerica
Dec. 15	Alfred Reen Newell	Male	Isaac and Lucy (Harper)	Laborer		Jericho, Vt.
Dec. 20	Flora Trefry	Female	William S. and Martha E. (Manning)	Engineer	Nova Scotia	Billerica
Dec. 20	Dora Ellis	Female	Joseph and Lydia (Bateson)	Spinner	England	England
April 12	Margaret Isabella McGlone	Female	Edward and Ella (Conway)	Dyer	Amesbury	Billerica
Aug. 9	Mary Josephine Hayes	Female	John and Mary (Halpin)	Farmer	Billerica	Lowell
Aug. 10	—— O'Brien	Female	Mary ——	Operative		
Oct. 18	Isabella Mahoney	Female	Henry and Ella (Ham)	Weaver	Lowell	Billerica
Dec. 29	Clarissa Parsons Holland	Female	William H. and Josephine (Rowe)	Farmer	Roxbury	Gloucester
Aug. 29	John Joseph Williams	Male	Charles and Adelia (Shepard)	Laborer	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia

DEATHS IN BILLERICA, 1894.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.	BIRTHPLACE.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1894.		ys	ms	ds			
Jan. 6..	Aaron Maynard...	96	9	28	Pneumonia	Chelmsford	.....
Jan. 7..	George Baker.....	50	..	..	Pneumonia.....	.....	.....
Jan. 27.	Susan L. Hill.....	90	10	20	Old age.....	Billerica	Job and Susannah
Feb. 12.	Solomon Taylor....	66	4	7	Pneumonia	England	Solomon and Jane
Feb. 12.	Elmore A. Grimes.	47	2	12	Pneumonia	Sheldon, Vt....	Leonard and Almira
Feb. 14.	Karl G. Faulds.....	2	2	..	Gastritis and bronchitis....	Billerica.....	Robert and Elizabeth
Feb. 15.	Robert Austin.....	..	9	6	Bronchitis.....	Billerica	William and Margaret
Feb. 18.	James Maxwell....	54	6	13	Dropsy.....	Billerica.....	Thomas and Lucy
Feb. 19.	Walter C. Bathrick	66	..	..	Paral's of heart	Lunenburg.....	.....
Feb. 22.	Carrol L. Eaton...	..	10	..	Bronchitis	New York.....	Herbert L. and Lottie J
Feb. 24.	Roxanna Rosenthal	60	7	20	Grippe, bronchital pneum'a.	Germany.....	Jacob and Catherine
Mar. 26	Katie Burk..... ..	13	..	..	Grippe, spine trouble.....	Billerica	Patrick and Mary
Mar. 8.	Eliz'th R. Bowman	69	3	5	Grippe, pneumonia.....	NewHampshire	George and Betsy
Mar. 27	Lucy Maxwell.....	77	..	..	.....	Andover.....	Michael ——
Mar. 28	Susie Goldspring..	31	..	..	Pneumonia.....	Newfoundland.	John ——
Feb. 23.	George S. Baker...	46	..	..	Multiple injuries R.R. acci'nt.	Tunbridge, Vt..	Elias C. and Mary T.
April 14	Matthew Casey....	80	..	..	Consumption ..	Ireland.....	James and Johanna
April 27	Hans F. Stahle.....	15	6	15	Pneumonia	Billerica.....	John and Frederika
April 29	Stephen Miller.....	71	2	23	Pneumonia and heart failure.	Billerica.....	Stephen and Abby
May 5..	Harriet Kendall...	85	6	..	Senile dementia and paralysis.	Billerica,.....	Joseph and Mary
May 4..	Mary Casey.....	76	1	27	Pneumonia	Bedford.....	Asa and Esther
May 5..	Marg'et I. McGlone	..	..	23	.....	Billerica	Edward and Ella
May 11.	Rufus K. Underhill	75	1	13	Valvular dis. of heart and cancer of stomach	Chester, N. H..	Jesse J. and Elizabeth
May 21.	Elizabeth H. Trow.	..	..	..	Cancer of liver and stomach.	.....	Stephen and Abigail
May 24.	William L. Page...	6	7	18	Scarlet fever...	Lexington.....	Grosvenor and Luvia
May 29.	—— Coughlin....	..	..	..	Born dead.....	Billerica	John and Mary
July 2..	Charles O. Johnson	..	10	15	Tubercu'r meningitis	Billerica.....	Charles O. and Katie
July 7..	John Donovan.....	30	..	..	Typhoid pneumonia.....	Ireland.....	Jeremiah and Hannah
July 18.	Elena Wain.....	40	..	..	Spinal sclerosis	England	....
July 21.	Helene Carney.....	..	11	17	Marasmus	Billerica	Patrick and Catherine
July 24.	Harry C. Munroe..	12	7	2	Lockjaw from intestinal inflammation ..	Billerica	Otis A. and Mary E.
June 2..	Emily Farwell.....	67	9	..	Dropsy	Billerica	Nathaniel and Sarah
June 6..	Judith Jones.	75	3	..	Heart failure..	Billerica	Nathaniel and Sarah
Aug. 13	John A. Moore....	31	3	..	Epilepsy cereb'l	Billerica	John A. and Alma
Aug. 31	James Werner.....	15	11	..	Accidental discharge of gun	Roxbury.....	Peter H. and Maria
Sept. 2.	Hiram P. Barker..	55	5	10	Paralysis.....	Hardwick.....	Hiram and Elizabeth
Sept. 11	Ann A. Bradford..	51	1	20	.....	Billerica.....	Moses P. and Lucy
Sept. 11	Duroy S. Foster....	53	10	..	Pist'l shot,de'th instantaneous..	Dublin, N. H..	Edmund and Julia
Sept. 21	Mary Ann Skilton.	78	3	..	Senile dementia and paralysis.	Troy, N. H.....	.....
Sept. 22	Maria E. McIntyre.	..	2	6	.....	Billerica.....	Geo. E. and Gertrude J.
Oct. 1..	Margaret Coughlin	24	..	..	Phthisic.....	Billerica..... .	Cornelius and Mary
Oct. 8..	—— Collins.....	..	..	..	Born dead.....	Billerica.....	Michael and Mary
Oct. 13.	Elizab'h Bottomley	80	8	..	Canc'r of b'wels	England	.....
Sept. 19	Sarah A. Sprowl...	35	4	20	Phthisic pulmonalis.....	Chelmsford	Wm. S. and Mary A.
Oct. 15.	Maria A. Dows.....	79	6	13	Dropsy.....	Tunbridge, Vt..	William and Anna
Nov. 3..	Lydia M. Osgood..	72	11	3	Heart failure...	New Salem	Daniel and Submit
Nov. 16	Amos Marston.....	77	..	..	Bronchitis.. ...	Tewksbury.....	Amos and Lydia
Nov. 29	Sarah Lynch.....	68	..	..	.....	Ireland	Robert and Catherine
Nov. 27	Sally L. Stearns....	93	1	9	Apoplexy.....	Ashburnham...	Benjamin and Isabel
Dec. 12.	Ann F. Rogers....	95	2	19	Old age.....	Watertown	Francis and Ann
Dec. 7..	Hepzibah E. Cann.	80	8	11	Apoplexy.....	Wells, Me.....	Forest and ——
Dec. 13.	Isaac R. Stackpole.	70	5	..	Pneumonia.....	Parsonfield,Mo.	.....
Dec. 15.	Ellen Lyons.....	64	7	..	Meningitis.....	Ireland	Michael Byron
Dec. 29.	John Olney.....	73	..	8	.....	Canada	.....

REPORT OF MARRIAGES IN BILLERICA, 1894.

DATE	NAME.	AGE	RESIDENCE	OCCUPAT'N	BIRTHPLACE.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Jan. 1,	Henry Hogan.....	39	Billerica....	Salesman..	Scotland.....	William and Susan
1894.	Susan Galligan....	33	Billerica....	Weaver....	Scotland.....	Patrick and Ann
Jan. 26.	William H. Ford..	25	Lowell.....	Jeweler....	Dalton, N. H...	Charles H. and Viola
	Isabell Fairbr'ther	25	Billerica....	Weaver....	Billerica	John and Mary
Jan. 18.	Frank J. Bicknell.	27	Burlington.	Farmer....	Harnden, Me..	John and Safon
	Nellie M. Essex...	23	Billerica ...	Housework	Billerica	John W. and Mary
Feb. 22.	John Baum.....	22	So. Boston.	Baker.....	Germany	Adam and Louise
	Lena Stahle.....	19	Billerica....	At home...	Billerica.....	John and Freida
Mar. 14.	Thomas Fayton...	32	Billerica....	Laborer....	P. E. Island...	James and Mary
	Lillie M. Essex...	19	Billerica....	At home...	Billerica.....	John W. and Mary
Mar. 21.	Frank W. Crosby.	38	Billerica ...	Farmer....	Billerica	Leander and Abigail
	Henrietta E. Kerr	34	Billerica ...	Housek'per	England.....	Charles and Henrietta
April 24	John B. Smith....	31	Billerica....	Farmer....	Dover, N. H...	George and Ardie
	Florence E. Mase..	17	Billerica....	At home...	New York.....	—— Martha E.
May 23.	Charles Lyons....	34	Billerica....	Trader.....	Sudbury	Thomas and Ellen
	Jennie A. Dutton.	26	Billerica....	At home...	Billerica.....	Henry and Elizabeth
May 28.	John T. Scott.....	30	Billerica....	Twister....	England.....	Charles and Emily
	Alfreda H. Dutton	24	Billerica....	At home...	England.....	Alfred and Sarah
June 20	Walter L. Gardner	27	Billerica....	Farmer....	Candia, N. H..	Frederick F. and Abbie
	Mina L. Pasho....	24	Billerica ...	At home. .	Billerica.... ..	George and Sarah
June 27	John Dolan.....	26	Waltham...	Hostler....	Ireland	John and Catherine
	Bridget Burk.....	25	Billerica ...	Weaver....	Ireland	Thomas and Mary
June 28	Frank Newell.....	29	Billerica....	Teamster...	Buffalo, N. Y..	Frank and Mary
	Sophia Maxwell..	34	Billerica ...	At home...	Billerica	Thomas and Lucy
July 3.	Stephen Spedding	37	Sanford, Me	Wool sorter	England.....	Robert and Margaret
	Marion Stott.....	33	Billerica ...	Weaver....	England..	John and Marion
Aug. 1.	James Hastings..	37	Billerica....	Carpenter..	New Brunswi'k	James and Isabella
	Angeline Nelson..	45	Winchester	Dress ma'er	New Brunswi'k	William and Phebe
Sept. 13	James S. Stewart.	35	Billerica ...	Laborer....	P. E. Island...	Robert and Mary
	Josephine Austin.	23	Billerica ...	Housek'per	Billerica.....	William and Mary
Oct. 2.	Albert H. Jones..	25	Billerica....	Carpenter..	Billerica.....	Albert and ——
	Ada F. Lynde.....	24	Billerica....	Teacher....	Billerica.....	Stephen and Mary Ann
Oct. 16.	Columbus Pickup.	25	Lawrence..	Spinner....	Lawrence.....	Thomas and Ellen
	Blanche Maybury.	18	Billerica....	At home...	Carlisle	Orrin and Julia
Dec. 25.	Oscar E. Spencer..	21	Billerica....	Weaver....	Nova Scotia....	Robert and ——
	Lizzie Faulds.....	20	Billerica....	At home...	So. Groveland.	Mary and ——
Dec. 26.	John F. Shepherd	52	Billerica....	Farmer....	Nova Scotia....	William and ——
	Amanda Griffin...	51	Billerica....	Housek'per	Kentucky.....	Elliot and ——

It is fitting that the attention of our citizens should be called to the importance of having all births, deaths and marriages properly recorded. It appears that your officers have done all that could be done, but the indifference of the people has caused the record to be incomplete in some cases. The law places this obligation upon you, but your own self-interest should enforce your compliance.

HERBERT A. KING,
Town Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Samuel Tucker, use of Odd Fellows Hall	$ 12 00
Edward Sawyer, inspecting bridge	100 00
J. L. Simpson, raising flag	6 00
H. C. Brown, painting fence Union Hall	32 38
Walter Sutcliffe, moving books	2 00
J. F. Bruce, storage, books	5 00
O. A. Richardson, sundries, Police	4 75
Lowell Courier Pub. Co., printing Town Report, Jury Lists	105 00
R. H. Mulno, examining North Cemetery	2 00
Faulkner Manufacturing Co., coal, Union Hall	148 65
B. Walker, putting in coal, Union Hall	13 50
J. E. Rowell, Police badges	1 00
H. C. Brown, Union Hall	7 74
N. M. Simonds, Police Officer	3 00
Roger Barrington, " "	3 00
William Austin, Jr., services rendered	1 00
Martin Conway, Jr., Police bill	4 66
J. L. Simpson, Police Officer	3 00
Smith & Brooks, surveyors	6 00
Arthur Allen, repairing hay scales	15 47
H. C. Brown, changing radiators, Union Hall	47 67
Walter Sutcliffe, permits	1 50
Bacheller & Dumas, binding Town Vol.	30 50
James Stevens, Special Police	3 00
William S. Taylor, " "	3 00
James Bradley, " "	3 00
Tewksbury Tax, 1893	9 74
Shawsheene Lodge, Odd Fellows	34 50
D. W. Fitch, repairs on flag staff	1 86
Matthew McElman, wall Union Hall	235 50
Tewksbury Tax, 1894	10 50
G. F. Jones, Foster case	4 00
Solomon Lincoln, professional services	90 00
Trull & Wier, services and recording deed	36 25
Talbot Mills	3 75
Middlesex County Court, fees amending By-Laws	3 00
Albert Stearns, Foster case	8 75

Paid Thomas Collins, Special Police	96 50
T. E. Smith, raising flag, 1892	6 00
T. E. Smith, voting booths	9 45
Dickson and others, damages	230 94
G. H. Bennick, repairs	30
James Barrington, labor	8 12
Prentiss Webster, land damages	75 00
Albert Stearns, incidentals	7 50
James Barrington, repairs, Union Hall	12 55
Dr. J. B. Tyler, professional services	4 00
Dr. O. A. Flint, vaccinating children and reporting births, 1893	75 25
William R. McIntosh, Foster case	25 47
H. P. Barker, incidentals	4 50
— —— Robinson	5 00
Andrew Handley, public watering place	5 00
Insurance	300 00
John Harrington, Registrar	15 00
A. W. Holden, "	15 00
E. B. Colby, Auditor	10 00
John A. Richardson, Auditor	10 00
Martin Conway, Jr., services as Constable, Janitor, and Engineer	479 00
C. Manning, Special Police	3 00
Lowell Courier Publishing Company, printing	5 25
J. E. Rowell, telegraph	50
J. A. Richardson, Treasurer, book and stationery	3 49
F. A. Fisher, counsel fees April 21, 1893, to March 5, 1894	87 25
B. D. O'Connell, professional services	5 00
H. C. Dimond, Town Seal	4 00
P. Kennelly, Special Officer	4 25
Town of Chelmsford, surveying 2 bound stones and setting	11 75
E. F. Dickinson, type copy of By-Laws	3 75
H. C. Brown, repairs Union Hall	3 00
Geo. F. Richardson, settlement with A. Lund	50 00
Dr. O. A. Flint, reporting births 1894	4 00
Geo. Smith, Special Police	1 50
James C. Coulter, Special Police	1 50
Albert Stearns, return of deaths	8 25

Paid J. E. Blodgett, care Town Clock and Hay Scales	25 00
J. R. Adams, land damages	20 00
John Gott, land damages	5 00
William Taylor, Police	1 20
Union Hall, fence	67 01
Union Hall, kerosene oil	3 54
	$2,697 49

REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTOR.

April 5, 1894,		$106 75
May 3,	" Dental Instruments, Tel. and Salary	62 00
June 6,	" Salary and Sundries,	62 89
June 21,	" Thomas McElligott, Assist.	64 30
July 19,	" W. H. Hutchins, Salary,	40 78
Aug. 2,	" " " "	38 40
Oct. 18,	" " " "	47 22
Dec. 6,	" " " "	72 27
Jan. 18,	" " " "	53 53
		$548 14

Number of Hogs killed, from June 1, 1894, to February 1, 1895,	140
Of these 11 were diseased and were sent to Lowell to the Lowell Rendering Company.	
Number of Calves killed, from June 1, 1894, to February 1, 1895,	25
Number of diseased cattle killed from January 1, 1894, to February 1, 1895,	139
Of these 10 came from Bedford.	
Number of Examinations made from January 1, 1894, to February 1, 1895,	1,926
Three cattle died while in quarantine.	
For the 83 cattle killed since June, 1894, when the law was passed to pay one-half of sound value, there has been paid, or is now due, the sum of	$1,768.95
Received of the Lowell Rendering Company for 9 diseased Hogs,	$45.84
From December 20, 1894, to February 1, 1895, I have received from the Lowell Rendering Company and returned to the State Treasurer for 54 diseased carcasses at $1 per head the sum of	$54 00

WM. H. HUTCHINS,
Cattle Inspector.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	$7,700 00	
State Fund	245 09	
State Fund on account of Superintendent	418 62	
Miscellaneous receipts	89 50	
		$8,453 21
Expenditures		8,172 35
Balance unexpended		$280 86

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	$4,500 00	
Miscellaneous receipts	178 50	
		$4,678 50
Expenditures		5,034 94
Overdrawn		$356 44

BRIDGES.

Appropriation	$150 00
Expenditures	168 17
Overdrawn	$18 17

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	$600 00
Expenditures	930 93
Overdrawn	$330 93

TOWN FARM.

Appropriation	$1,200 00
Excess of expenditures over receipts	708 22
Balance unexpended	$491 78

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Appropriation			$800 00
Expenditures		$1,404 89	
Received from other Towns	$354 86		
Due from other Towns	180 43	535 29	869 60
Overdrawn			$69 60

TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation		$5,050 00
Expenditures		5,050 00

INTEREST.

Appropriation		$1,450 00
Expenditures		1,790 00
Overdrawn		$340 00

STATE AID.

Appropriation		$1,000 00
Expenditures		895 00
Balance unexpended		$105 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation		$115 00
Expenditures		115 00

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	$1,500 00	
Sundry receipts	213 09	$1,713 09
Expenditures		3,922 12
Overdrawn		$2,209 03

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Appropriation		$4,000 00
Expenditures		3,684 76
Balance unexpended		$315 24

SELECTMEN.

Appropriation		$375 00
Expenditures		375 00

ASSESSORS.

Appropriation		$250 00
Expenditures		250 00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Appropriation		$200 00
Expenditures		200 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Appropriation	$180 00
Expenditures	240 00
Overdrawn	$60 00

CONSTABLES.

Appropriation	$90 00
Expenditures	45 00
Balance unexpended	$45 00

CISTERNS.

Appropriation	$100 00
Expenditures	145 77
Overdrawn	$45 77

TOWN CLERK.

Appropriation	$100 00
Expenditures	100 00

TREASURER.

Appropriation	$200 00
Expenditures	200 00

TAX COLLECTOR.

Appropriation	$350 00
Expenditures	250 00
Balance unexpended	$100 00

ELECTION OFFICERS.

Appropriation	$100 00
Expenditures	103 00
Overdrawn	$3 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation	$100 00
Expenditures	16 52
Balance unexpended	$83 48

CEMETERY.

Appropriation		$100 00
Expenditures—North Cemetery	$99 75	
South Cemetery	35 50	135 25
Overdrawn		$35 25

COMMON.

Appropriation	$100 00
Expenditures	75 00
Balance unexpended	$25 00

CURBSTONES.

Appropriations	$500 00
Expenditures	500 00

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriations	$500 00
Expenditures	450 00
Balance unexpended	$50 00

PLANS OF NEW HALL.

Appropriation	$750 00
Expenditures	750 00

DRAINING WILSON STREET.

Appropriation	$520 00
Expenditures	523 48
Overdrawn	$3 48

TOWN STABLE.

Appropriation	$1,000 00
Expenditures	1,072 77
Overdrawn	$72 77

INTEREST ON BONDS.

Appropriation	$600 00
Expenditures	600 00

TOWN HALL.

Received from sale of bonds . . .	$31,840 67	
for accrued interest . . .	79 28	
		$31,919 95
Expenditures		12,368 11
Balance		$19,551 84

EDWIN N. RAY,
ERASTUS B. COLBY,
RICHARD T. PERRY,
Auditors.

BILLERICA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Billerica Historical Society was organized Oct. 16, 1894, at a meeting of the citizens of the Town called for that purpose, at Gardner Parker Hall, its object being the collection and preservation of objects and facts of local and general historical interest.

About thirty persons were enrolled as members at the first meeting, and the general feeling seemed to be that this Town, being among the older Towns in the Commonwealth, was a good field for the objects of the Society and that it should commend itself to the citizens of the Town.

Steps have been taken by which the Society will be regularly incorporated by the Legislature, enabling it to legally hold and control any gifts or property that may come to it.

Through the generous action of Mrs. William W. Warren and Mrs. George Holden the Bennett Library Building has been enlarged so as to furnish suitable accommodations for the use of the Society and a safe receptacle for the preservation of articles and objects of interest that may be donated. With these facilities at hand for our use, and by a careful record and preservation of all facts of local interest as they occur, it is hoped we may furnish valuable material for the future historian of the Town, and the collection of relics and articles of historical interest in the room devoted to the use of the Society in time become an interesting and valuable one. The objects of the Society are hereby commended to the citizens of the Town for your care and co-operation.

Regular meetings of the Society will be held quarterly.

FREDERIC A. MOREY,
President Billerica Historical Society.

PROCEEDINGS AT TOWN MEETING.

At a legal meeting held March 19th, 1894, under the foregoing warrant.

ARTICLE 1. Frederic S. Clark was chosen Moderator, and he appointed Samuel Tucker, E. N. Ray and Thomas Talbot, Tellers. All sworn.

ART. 2. Voted, the town officers who are required by law to be chosen by ballot, shall be chosen on one ballot, and their respective terms of office shall be designated in the warrant for the annual meeting. The polls shall be opened as early as 10 o'clock a. m., and shall not close before 3 p. m., except during the noon recess. In case of no choice or to fill vacancies caused by persons declining to serve, the meeting shall proceed to another election, the polls to be opened and closed as the meeting shall direct.

ART. 3. Voted, that the Town revoke the acceptance made at the annual town meeting, 1886, of Sections 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, of Chap. 27, of the Public Statues of Massachusetts.

ART. 4. Town Clerk Dudley Foster had 342 votes; declared elected. Sworn dy the Moderator.

ART. 5. Treasurer Dudley Foster had 342 votes; declared elected.

ART. 6. Selectman Franklin Jaquith, 314; declared elected and sworn. A. O. Dane, 24; scattering, 2.

Assessors. Coburn S. Smith had 338 votes, George F. Colson, 172; John E. Rowell, 172; Sears J. Cook, 167; E. B. Haskell, 168; and the first three named were declared elected and sworn.

Overseers of the Poor. C. S. Smith had 339 votes; G. F. Colson, 171; J. E. Rowell, 170; S. J. Cook, 169; E. B. Haskell, 167; and the first three named were declared elected and sworn.

School Committee. O. A. Flint had 346 votes, and was declared elected and sworn.

Tax Collector. H. C. Brown had 200 votes; F. H. Parker, 145; and the first named was declared elected and sworn.

ART. 11. *Constables.* Warren Holden had 53 votes; J. A. Ruth, 77; E. W. Livingston, 291; M. Conway, Jr., 259; and the last two named were declared elected and sworn.

ART. 12. *Auditors.* E. N. Ray had 250 votes; J. A. Richardson, 256; E. B. Colby, 210; scattering, 183; and the first three named were declared elected.

ART. 10. Chose Andrew Handley member of the Bowers Fund Committee for the term of five years.

ART. 13. *Pound Keeper.* Isaac R Stackpole.

Field Drivers. Freeman Smith, Isaac Hopkinson, Martin Conway, Jr., John Murphy.

Fence Viewers. The Selectmen; sworn.

Measurers of Wood, Lumber, etc. John E. Rowell, sworn; C. H. Parker; Voluntine Rollins, sworn; Geo. E. Simonds, sworn; E. W. Livingston, J. F. Bruce, H. M. Hutchins, sworn; G. H. Harnden, Wm. F. Symmes, sworn; Chas. A. Holt, sworn; M. C. Murphy, sworn.

The Selectmen presented the following list of names to be placed in the jury box, which were accepted: Ebenezer Baker, Josiah Wright, John E. Bull, Sears J. Cook, Frank L. Crosby, William J. Lyons, Bernard Kearney, Geo. F. Colson, Walter Sutcliffe, Thomas Spaulding, Chas. W. Flanders, Roland B. Holden, Henry Sherman, Samuel H. King, John Harrington, William H. Simonds, Geo. P. Greenwood, John B. Stearns, Dennis O'Keefe, Clarence Bowman,

Fred H. Parker, Hiram C. Brown, Joseph S. Holt, Voluntine Rollins, Leonard Blood, Albert Stearns, Henry W. Duren, Joseph H. Call, Amos Cray, Warren Holden.

ART. 17. Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Billerica? No, 105; yes, 28; 133 votes.

ART. 14. The Auditors made their report, which was cepted and placed on file.

ART. 19. Voted to raise the sum of sixteen thousand and one hundred dollars and appropriate for Schools, $7,700; Highways, $4,500; Bridges, $150; Fire Department, $600; Town Farm, $1,200; Outside Relief, $800; Debt Appropriation, $5,050; Interest, $1,450; State Aid, $1,000; Memorlal Day, $115; Incidentals, $1,500; State and County Tax, $4,000; Selectmen, $375; Assessors, $250; Overseers of Poor, $200; School Committee, $780; Constables, $90; Cistern, $100; Town Clerk, $100; Treasurer, $200; Tax Collector, $350; Election Officers, $100; Soldiers' Relief, $100; Care of Cemeteries, $100; Common, $100.

ART. 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $115 for the use of the veterans on Memorial Day, May 30, 1894.

ART. 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500 for curbstones, sidewalks, on Wilson and Elm Streets in North Billerica, the abutters to pay one-half the expense of any that may be built.

ART. 22. Voted to raise and appropriate $500 for lighting the streets; one-half to be allowed the V. I. A. at North Billerica and one-half for the V. I. A. at Billerica Centre.

ART. 23. Voted to choose Board of Health. Chose Dr. Flint, Dr. Hosmer, Dr. Tyler and the Selectmen said Board; Selectmen sworn.

ART. 24. Voted to accept the Talbot Avenue as staked out.

Art. 25. Voted to discontinue and withdraw from its union with the towns of Bedford, Burlington, Lincoln, Carlisle and Wilmington, for the purpose of the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, under the provisions of Chapter 431 of the year 1888, and rescind the vote by which it united with said towns for said purpose, and will vote to unite with the towns of Bedford, Burlington and Lincoln for the same purpose, viz.: the employment of a Superintendent of Schools, under the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1888, and subsequent amendments thereto; passed.

Art. 26. The Committee made the following report, which was accepted: It is a matter of regret that the Committee chosen at the last Town Meeting to report upon a new Town Hall and location have found themselves unable to complete their work. We have visited various towns, talked with numerous architects and given much time and thought to the matter. From our observation, and from the expressions of opinions at the hearing, given at North Billerica and at Billerica Centre, our judgment prompted us to seek to provide a well-equipped modern building. Such a building should contain: 1st, a hall having a capacity to seat 500 people, provided with a stage or platform of good proportions, having in connection dressing rooms for men and women; 2d, a supper room to seat 150 people; 3d, a room to be known as a Selectmen's room, which should also serve as an office for the Assessors and Overseers of the Poor; 4th, a room for the Town Clerk, which should serve as an office for the Treasurer (with fire-proof vault) and for the School Committee; 5th, two ante-rooms, which should serve as coat and cloak rooms for men and women; 6th, two toilet rooms, with proper ventilation and sanitary arrangements; 7th, a kitchen, in which should be a pump to take water from well on the premises; 8th, a lockup with two cells; 9th, furnaces arranged to heat all the building, except the Selectmen's and Town Clerk's rooms, which rooms should be provided with inde-

pendent means of heating, owing to their more frequent use. We received written and personal requests from a great number of architects wishing to furnish drawings. From this number we selected four, from whom we asked competitive plans covering the requirements specified above. Your Committee having no appropriation from which to pay for such work (for which it is customary to pay), and no authority to accept any of the plans finally, our efforts were attended with some difficulty. However, the plans have been completed, and examined by us only last Wednesday, and those of you who are familiar with the details of such work can appreciate the efforts made by the several architects to help us to be in readiness to make a report to the voters of the town at this meeting. We had the several plans before us, and gave them our careful attention during the whole of Wednesday afternoon, and a contractor met us at 6 o'clock to make approximate estimates for all or whichever one we might select. It, however, appeared utterly impossible in so short a time for us to make a final decision, or to give the contractor such definite specifications as would enable him to make a careful estimate of cost, and make report today. We examined the drawings more carefully again Saturday afternoon, and are satisfied that we shall be able at an early date to present for your consideration a plan which the voters will accept, and which for years to come, and until Billerica has largely outgrown her present needs, will be a satisfactory building to all. If the Town decides to grant the present Committee more time estimates will be submitted covering the cost both for building with wood and brick, as the character of most or all of the drawings is such that either material may be used with trifling, if any, alteration in design. Your Committee believe that provision can be made for the care of fire apparatus more satisfactorily independent of this building, and possibly with no greater cost to the Town. The laws governing the location and furnishing of fourth-class post offices, and, we believe, the universal desire to have our public build-

ings made and kept in a well ordered condition within and without, prevented our providing accommodation in the proposed building for a post office. We have considered several locations, but have made no serious effort to provide for land except that adjoining the present Town lot. We have had several interviews with Mr. Morey as owner of the land in the rear of the present lot and as representing the heirs of Mary B. Parker, owning the land to the south, and hope that when a final report is made on building a satisfactory proposition for land may also be submitted. We believe the present cost of construction and the favorable condition of the money market warrant the Town in building now, and hope the present Committee may be authorized and instructed to complete their work at the earliest possible date. If you should desire, the Committee will ask for an appropriation of $750 for the following purposes, viz.: After deciding upon the best plan to be adopted and one which we believe the Town should and will approve, to employ the architect submitting the same to make complete working plans and detail drawings, with a comprehensive exterior sketch in colors. Also a full set of specifications, both for wood and brick, All to be submitted to the Town when the Committee make their report. Such work cannot be obtained under the circumstances without pay, and accurate estimates of costs can be obtained except upon such plans and specifications. Should the Town accept the plan submitted and the recommendations of the Committee thereon the amount thus appropriated would simply apply on architects, commissions, which are included in cost of building.

J. NELSON PARKER,
FREDERIC S. CLARK,
JOSEPH JAQUITH.

Moved that the preliminary report of the Committee chosen at the last Town meeting to report upon the matter of a new Town Hall be accepted, and that said Committee be instructed to continue and complete the work they have begun and report at a future meeting, to be called for the purpose, and that the sum of $750 (seven

hundred and fifty dollars) be raised and appropriated to be used by said Committee for the purpose named in their report. Passed unanimously.

ART. 27. Moved that the Moderator, the Town Clerk and the Selectmen appoint a Committee of Five to ask the present Legislature for a special act enabling the Treasurer of Billerica to issue bonds, or notes, outside and independent of the legal debt limit, for the purpose of buying land for and the building of a new Town Hall to an amount not exceeding $30,000 for a period of twenty-five years. Passed.

The Committee proposed the names of J. Nelson Parker, Frederic S. Clark, Joseph Jaquith, Chas. H. Kohlrausch, Jr., Franklin Jaquith, and they were unanimously elected.

ART. 28. Ordered that the Selectmen be and are hereby instructed to discontinue the payment of bills against the Town by the issuing of Town orders, so called. In place thereof they are requested to meet at least twice in each month in joint session with the Town Treasurer in some place accessible to the public. Persons having bills against the Town shall then and there present them to the Selectmen for examination, and if approved by said Selectmen shall be forthwith paid by the Town Treasurer, who shall retain the said bills as his vouchers. It is further ordered that a ledger system of accounts shall be adopted and kept in such a manner that the financial condition of the Town and the amount available in any department for which moneys are appropriated can be readily ascertained. Recommended by the Appropriation Committee, and motion made to adopt by Herbert Faulkner. Carried.

ART. 29. Dismissed.

ART. 30. Dismissed.

Meeting dissolved.

Attest,

DUDLEY FOSTER, Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex, ss.

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica.

GREETING:

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Gardner Parker's Hall, in said Town, on Monday, July 16th, at 7 :30 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the Committee appointed to obtain plans and estimates for a new Town Hall, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will accept the act of the Legislature of 1894, entitled "An act to authorize the Town of Billerica to incur indebtedness beyond the limit fixed by law, for a Town Hall building," being chapter 310 of the Acts of 1894.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will borrow thirty thousand dollars under the authority of said act for the purpose of acquiring land for a new Town Hall building and for erecting and furnishing said building, and issue negotiable bonds therefor, payable not later than twenty-five years from the date of the passage of said act.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to negotiate said loan, dispose of said bonds, and pass the proceeds to the Town Treasurer.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will appropriate the proceeds of said bonds, including any premium and accrued interest thereon and any income derived from the temporary investment of said proceeds, for the purpose of acquiring land for a new Town Hall building, and for erecting and furnishing the same.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the money received from insurance upon the old Town Hall toward the erection of a new Town Hall.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will purchase or take land adjoin-

ing the old Town Hall lot for a site for a new Town Hall, as recommended by the Committee, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to build the Town Hall.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars to pay the first semi-annual installment of interest due on any bonds it may vote to issue for a Town Hall building.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will establish a sinking fund to provide for the payment of said bonds at maturity, and elect three Commissioners of said fund, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate five hundred and twenty-five dollars for the purpose of draining Wilson Street, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 13. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the Town Hearse, or anything in relation to the same.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will revise their By-Laws, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will erect a building for the use of the Fire Department and the Town teams, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will accept and build a road as laid out by the Selectmen from Bedford Street, through the land of Mrs. Ann S. Whiting, to Whiting Street, and to widen Richardson Street from Whiting to Parker Street, and determine the amount to be raised and appropriated for such purpose, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at Odd Fellows Hall, one copy in each of the post offices of the Town, and one copy in each of the porches, or vestibules, of the several churches in Town, at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting.

Given under our hands this sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy. Attest,

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON, Constable.

BILLERICA, July 16, 1894.

I have served the within warrant as directed.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON, Constable of Billerica.

At a legal meeting held under the foregoing warrant, July 16, 1894.

ARTICLE 1. Chose Frederic S. Clark, Moderator. The Moderator appointed Samuel Tucker and Joseph Talbot, Tellers; sworn by Town Clerk.

ART. 2. The Committee reported as follows: This Committee regret that the people have not earlier had the plans and estimates before them, but justify themselves by the knowledge of having employed the time in giving the subject careful and persistent thought.

Mr. Franklin Jaquith and C. H. Kohlrausch, Jr., join with us in the following report as to securing the special legislation according to instructions of the last Town meeting. We had a hearing before the proper Legislative Committee, receiving fair and courteous attention, and had every reason to suppose that the desired legislation would follow. The Legislative Committee, however, without intimation to your Committee, reported a bill shortening the time for the payment of the bonds from twenty-five to twenty years, and the bill was immediately passed by the House of Representatives.

As soon as we were advised of this we made strenuous efforts to have the bill amended in the Senate to read twenty-five years instead of twenty, which we were able to do, in which amendment the House concurred, and in due course the bill became a law. The acceptance of this Act by the Town will be one of the first duties of this meeting. From the competitive plans submitted by the various architects that of Messrs. Warren & Bacon seemed to best meet our wants. The colonial style of building is appropriate, simple yet substantial, and sightly, giving the room required with neither waste nor apparent stint. We have provided for the various rooms as outlined in our report at the last Town meeting, but as the plans are now before you we need make no detailed description. We had avoided the introduction of any complicated or expensive work, making durability and simplicity our principal study. From the best opinion the Committee could get, reinforced by their own judgment, we have worked in the direction of and with the purpose of getting a brick building, and from approximate estimates originally received we had reason to suppose this might be done for the sum of $30,000, but, as we shall show later, this cannot be done upon our present plans. As a result of closer study of the early plans we deemed it desirable to slightly enlarge the building. This and the necessity (and we think the desirability) of complying with the requirements of the State Board of Inspection of Public Buildings has added somewhat to our original estimate. This can be offset only by cheapening the construction or increasing the outlay. There is, of course, the alternative of a wooden building, but we firmly believe it to be for the best interest of the Town to build of brick. We also believe that if the voters had given or could give the subject as much thought as the Committee have done their opinion would be practically unanimous amongst them, as it is perfectly so with the Committee.

The provisions for heating and ventilating we believe to be thoroughly practicable, and in every way good. Some matters of detail and matters which require further investigation prevent us from giving the accurate cost for this work. This also applies to

the subject of lighting with gasoline, but figures which we have are practically correct, and can safely be said to be on both items within $100, or near enough for present purposes. Our estimates on the brick building provide for granite under-pinning and steps, walls of red brick with light limestone trimmings, pale green slate roof with heavy copper flashings and gutters, and roof trusses of iron. With the exception of windows, doors, and cornices, this construction is such as to make the item of repairs a very small amount in years to come. The danger from fire is also very much less than from a wooden building with a shingled roof. We have planned to have the two toilet rooms and the rooms of the Town Officers heated continually through the cold season. It is necessary to provide water for the toilet rooms, and consequently necessary to provide heat to prevent freezing. The difference in the cost of keeping a fire continually or building a fresh fire at least twice each week, as would be a moderate estimate during the winter for some portion of the building, is very light.

The heating of these smaller rooms is to be done entirely independent of the main portion of the building, so that the continuous fire applies only to the smallest of the three furnaces required to heat the entire building. As the two rooms for the Town Officers are calculated to include provision for the Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, as well as Town Clerk and Selectmen, it is probable that they will find frequent use. The cost for draining the building digging the well, furnishing the building (which will comprise the seats, chairs, tables, shelves, and gas fixtures), can only be estimated. We shall make no effort to under-estimate anything. Our aim is that the voters shall know, in our judgment, the full amount to which they commit themselves before undertaking the work. The cost of grading the building, digging the well, furnishing the building (which will comprise the seats, chairs, tables, shelves), and the cost of grading is the only item which cannot be satisfactorily estimated until the completion of the building, as a considerable portion of this work will be done by the contractor with the loam and gravel removed from the cellar. We are assured

that the bonds which may be issued by the Town, under the special Act which has been obtained, will command a premium. This amount we are, of course, obliged to estimate until the bonds are placed upon the market, and positive bids received therefor. Bids for the building were solicited from six contractors, two in Boston, two in Lowell, one in Chelmsford, and one in Billerica. From these bids we are able to say to the Town that a brick building, exclusive of furnishing and grading, can be placed under contract for an amount not exceeding $32,000. If the Town will devote for building purposes the amounts asked for in the following articles of the present warrant, we shall have funds available as follows:

Bonds at par, ...	$30,000
Insurance on old building, ...	1,500
Premium and accrued interest on bonds, . .	1,500
Total, ...	$33,000

This would leave a balance of $1,000 towards the furnishing and grading. There is, however, a possibility that some items of cost may be changed somewhat, up or down, more likely up than down, as experience shows that no man or committee can arrive with absolute certainty at the cost until the work is completed. We believe, however, that the whole or a good portion of this amount will be available for the purposes specified. In addition to this there is the cost of the land for site, to which we will refer later. Our report thus far has been based entirely upon the probability of the Town voting to build of brick. If the Town should decide to build of wood, our lowest estimate would enable the Town to save about $5,200. Your Committee believe that the saving in first cost to the Town would probably be offset by the cost of keeping a wooden building in good repair. We also believe that a substantial and sightly brick building will prove an attraction and bring an indirect benefit to the Town. The danger in all such undertakings is to allow immediate cost to outweigh sound judgment. In guarding the interest of the tax-payers considerations of permanent cost, as well as temporary cost, should be well considered. Should the

Town now decide to build of brick upon the lines as recommended, it is not likely that the youngest vo er in Town will ever be called upon to build or pay for another Town Hall. This, of course, is leaving out of consideration the possibility of fire. We think we may with propriety refer to the fact that your Committee represent a fair proportion of the tax-paying community. We have no desire to burden ourselves, or others, with unnecessary taxation, and, as tax-payers, we believe our recommendations to be in the direction of permanent economy. With bonds at 4 per cent. interest and a sinking fund upon a 3½ per cent. standard, the annual tax levy for the payment of this debt will be $2,000. That is, the annual interest charge will be $1,200, and $800 added each year to sinking fund will, if invested at 3½ interest, produce a fund large enough to pay the bonds at maturity. We think this yearly burden so light in consideration of the advantages to be obtained as to justity the most prudent man in voting for this outlay. The excess of cost of furnishing and grading above the amount we hope will be available, as already described, may be provided for by direct appropriation or by a short loan at the next meeting. On the matter of additional land the Committee regret that they have been unable to arrive at a basis of settlement which they are willing to recommend to the Town. As our ground plans now on exhibition in the Hall will show, we have sought to provide 100 feet front adjoining the present Town lot on the South and 150 feet back, and a small portion of the land in the rear of the present Town land, owned by Mr. Morey, containing about 3,500 square feet, or enough to make the back line of the entire proposed lot parallel with the front line running North and South. This, we believe, will make the lot only fair size. We believe that with land at its present price the Town cannot afford to erect a building such as is proposed upon any lot that would look narrow or pinched. The general appearance of a building may be seriously injured or greatly improved in proportion to the size of the lot. We know of no positive basis of valuation, but should be influenced by the assessed valuation of this and other lands surrounding the Common, and by sales which have

been made during the past few years. We realize that available land facing the Common is not abundant. We also realize that this particular piece of land is specially valuable to the family who have so long owned it. We have a proposition in writing from Mr. Morey, representing himself and the heirs of Mary B. Parker, which can more properly be presented under Article 8, at which time the views of your Committee will be fully explained. We believe that the advantage to the Town in having an open space in front will be more appreciated in later years than to day. Land secured now will be forever kept open, an ornament to the building and all surrounding property. We believe the Town should secure itself and provide positively against the possibility, either in the near or distant future, of buildings being erected near enough to endanger either the safety or appearance of the proposed building.

Briefly, then, our recommendation to the voters is to build of brick, and to provide a site that will add to the appearance of the building, with such open space in front as to forever preclude the possibility of any detriment, so that ourselves and those who come after us may say, "We builded well."

J. NELSON PARKER,
FREDERIC S. CLARK,
JOSEPH JAQUITH.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee and to build a new Town Hall according to the plans for the brick building presented by the Committee. Passed unanimously.

ART. 3. Voted to accept the act of the Legislature of 1894, entitled, An Act to authorize the Town of Billerica to incur indebtedness beyond the limit fixed by law, for a Town Hall building, being Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1894. Passed unanimously, 73 to 0.

CHAPTER 310. An Act to authorize the Town of Billerica to incur indebtedness beyond the limit fixed by law, for a Town Hall building.

SECTION 1. The Town of Billerica, for the purpose of acquiring land for a new Town Hall building, and for erecting and furnishing said building, may incur indebtedness not exceeding thirty thousand

dollars, and may issue negotiable bonds or certificates of indebtedness therefor, and may renew the same from time to time; provided, that in no event shall the time for the payment of the same, or any part thereof, be extended beyond the period of twenty-five years from the passage of this Act.

Sec. 2. The indebtedness incurred under this Act shall not be considered or reckoned in determining the authorized limit of indebtedness of the Town of Billerica, under the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 29, Public Statutes.

Sec. 3. Except as herein otherwise provided the provisions of said Chapter 29 and of Chapter 129 of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, shall apply to the issue of such bonds or certificates of indebtedness. This Act shall take effect when accepted by a two-thirds vote of the legal voters of the Town of Billerica present and voting thereon at a meeting called for that purpose. Approved April 26, 1894.

Voted to borrow thirty thousand dollars under the authority of Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1894, for the purpose of acquiring land for a new Town Hall building and for erecting and furnishing said building, and to issue negotiable bonds of the Town therefor, said bonds to be of the denomination of one thousand dollars each, to be dated April 1st, 1894, and payable on the first day of April, A. D. 1919, to bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable on the first days of October and April of each year, to be signed by the Selectmen and countersigned by the Treasurer, and to bear the seal of the Town. Passed unanimously, 62 to 0.

Art. 5. Voted to appoint a Committee to negotiate the loan of thirty thousand dollars for the new Town Hall, such Committee to have authority to prepare, sell, and dispose of the bonds issued therefor at a price not less than par and accrued interest, and to pay over the proceeds of said bonds to the Town Treasurer. Passed unanimously.

Chose Frederic S. Clark, J. Nelson Parker, and Joseph Jaquith said Committee.

Motion that the Town Treasurer and the Building Committee confer relative to the temporary investment of the bond proceeds

and the keeping of an independent account, showing all receipts and expenditures on account of the new Town Hall.

ART. 6. Voted to appropriate the proceeds of the bonds issued under the authority of Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1894, including any premium and accrued interest thereon, and any income derived from the temporary investment of said proceeds for the purpose of acquiring land for a new Town Hall building, and for erecting and furnishing the same. Passed.

ART. 7. Voted to appropriate the money received by the Town from insurance upon the old Town Hall toward paying the cost of the erection of a new Town Hall.

ART. 8. Voted to take, under the authority of the Public Statutes, for the enlargement of the Town Hall lot, and for a site for a new Town Hall, two lots of lands adjoining the old Town Hall lot, bounded and described as follows:

First. A lot of land belonging to the heirs of Mary B. Parker, situated South of the present Town lot, and running along the line of the highway in a generally southerly direction 100 feet, thence turning at nearly a right angle, and running in a generally westerly direction along the line of land of said heirs a distance of 150 feet from the present stone wall; thence turning at nearly a right angle and running in a generally northerly direction along the line of land of said heirs a distance of about 80 feet to land of F. A. Morey; thence turning at nearly a right angle and running in a generally easterly direction along a line of land of said Morey and the old Town Hall lot to point of beginning.

Second. A lot of land belonging to F. A. Morey, situated in the rear, or westerly, of the old Town Hall lot, bounded as follows: Beginning at the northwesterly corner of said Town lot and running in a generally southerly direction 69.73 feet to old stone wall; thence turning at nearly a right angle and running in a generally westerly direction along stone wall a distance of about 52 feet, to northwesterly corner of the lot previously described as belonging to the heirs of Mary B. Parker; thence turning at nearly a right angle and running in a generally northerly direction along the land of said Morey 69.73 feet; thence turning at nearly a right angle and running in a generally easterly direction along the land of said Morey about 52 feet to point of beginning.

These lots are the ones shown on a drawing now on exhibition in the Town Hall, made by Messrs. Warren & Bacon from plan made by Smith & Brooks, Civil Engineers, Lowell. Passed.

Art. 9. The Town appointed J. Nelson Parker, Frederic S. Clark, and Joseph Jaquith a committee to build the Town Hall.

Motion that the Town Treasurer be directed to pay no bills on account of the new Town Hall that do not bear the approval of the Building Committee and the Selectmen. Passed.

Art. 10. Voted to raise and appropriate six hundred dollars to pay the semi-annual installment of interest due Oct. 1, 1894, on the bonds which the Town has voted to issue for the new Town Hall.

Art. 11. Voted to establish a Sinking Fund, under the provisions of Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1894, and other Statutes applicable, the acts for the purpose of extinguishing at maturity the debt which may be contracted for a new Town Hall, and to contribute thereto from year to year an amount to be raised annually by taxation sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish said debt at its maturity, and to elect three Commissioners of said Fund, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, their respective terms of office to date from March 19th, 1894. Passed.

Franklin Jaquith was elected for one year from March 19, 1894.

Frederic A. Morey was elected for two years from March 19, 1894.

Chas. H. Kohlrausch, Jr., was elected for three years from March 19, 1894.

Voted that the Selectmen be and are hereby authorized to straighten the northern bound of the entire lot, both new and old, as indicated by a purple line shown on the drawing of Messrs. Warren & Bacon, and that the Building Committee shall locate the building accordingly, the purpose of this being to make the northern line a perfect right angle with the front line. Passed.

Art. 12. Voted to raise and appropriate five hundred and twenty dollars for the purpose of draining Wilson Street.

Art. 13. The Selectmen are hereby authorized to dispose of the Hearse as they think best.

ART. 14. Voted that the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for current expenses or payment of any of Town debt and give Town notes therefor.

ART. 15. Voted that a Committee consisting of Frederic S. Clark, Chas. H. Kohlrausch, Jr., Charles E. Hosmer, M. D., and Edward F. Dickinson be and are hereby chosen to revise the By-Laws and report at some future meeting.

ART. 16. Voted to raise and appropriate one thousand dollars to build a building for Town teams and for the Fire Department.

ART. 17. Voted not to accept and build the road as laid out.

Meeting dissolved.

Attest,

DUDLEY FOSTER, Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex, ss.

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica.

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at Gardner Parker Hall, in said Town, on Monday, Sept. 17th, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will accept a seal and authorize the Bond Committee to have the same made, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at Gardner Parker Hall, one copy in each of the post offices of the Town and one copy in each of the porches or vestibules of the several churches in Town, at least eight days before said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this War-

rant with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands this sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
Selectmen of Billerica.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON, Constable.

Sept. 17th, 1894. I have served the above Warrant as directed.

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON, Constable.

A true copy of Warrant and return.

Attest,
DUDLEY FOSTER, Town Clerk.

At a legal meeting held under the foregoing Warrant Sept. 17th, 1894.

ARTICLE 1. Chose J. Nelson Parker Moderator.

ART. 2. Moved that the Committee already authorized to prepare the Town Hall bond be instructed to procure a seal as described. Passed unanimously.

Moved that the Town adopt as a seal a stamp bearing the words, "Town of Billerica, Massachusetts. Incorporated 1655." Passed unanimously.

Meeting dissolved.

Attest,
DUDLEY FOSTER, Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Middlesex ss.

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of Billerica,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Billerica qualified to vote in elections, to meet at Gardner Parker Hall, Billerica

Centre, Precinct 1, and at Union Hall, North Billerica, Precinct 2, on Tuesday, the sixth day of November next, it being the Tuesday next after the first Monday of said month, at 6:45 in the forenoon, to bring in their votes on one ballot for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer and Receiver-General, Auditor, Attorney-General; Councillor, Sixth District; Senator, Fifth Middlesex District; Representative in General Court, Twentieth Middlesex District; Representative to Congress, Fourth District; Register of Deeds, Northern Middlesex District; County Commissioner, County Treasurer. Amendment to the Constitution—So much of Article 19 of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth as is contained in the following words: "Commissioners of Insolvency," is hereby annulled.

The polls will open at 6:45 o'clock in the forenoon, and may close at 4 in the afternoon; and you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at Odd Fellows Hall, one copy at each of the post offices of the Town, and one copy in each of the porches, or vestibules, of the several churches in Town at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-second day of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy.
Attest,
EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON, Constable.

A true copy of Warrant and return.
Attest,
JOHN H. FOSTER, Sworn Clerk *pro tem.*

PRECINCT ONE.

At a legal meeting of the voters of Precinct Number One held on the sixth day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, the voters were called upon to bring in their votes for the following officers: Warden, Herbert A. King; sworn by F. A. Morey; Deputy Warden, Dudley Foster; Clerk, Joseph S. Holt; Deputy Clerk, Charles Lyons; Inspectors, Geo. E. Stearns, Frederick H. Parker, Philip Dolan, Michael McElligott. All sworn by Herbert A. King. Time of voting was extended to four thirty-seven p. m. Number of ballots checked on Inspectors' list, two hundred and twenty-five; number checked on Clerk's list, two hundred and twenty-five; number checked from ballot box, two hundred and twenty-five.

Attest,

JOSEPH S. HOLT, Clerk.

The ballots were for the following:

GOVERNOR.

George H. Carey of Lynn, People's Party	1 ballots.
Frederic T. Greenhalge of Lowell, Republican	191 "
Alfred W. Richardson of Springfield, Prohibition	5 "
John E. Russell of Leicester, Democratic	27 "
David Taylor of Boston, Socialist Labor	0 "

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Wilbert O. Dwinell of Danvers, People's Party	0 ballots.
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke, Socialist Labor	0 "
Samuel B. Shapleigh of Boston, Prohibition	12 "
Charles E. Stratton of Boston, Democratic	28 "
Roger Wolcott of Boston, Republican	179 "

SECRETARY.

Charles A. De Courcy of Lawrence, Democratic	25 ballots.
Wilbert D. Farnham of Somerville, Prohibition	5 "
Joseph F. Malloney of Lynn, Socialist	1 "
William M. Olin of Boston, Republican	186 "
Isaac W. Skinner of Brockton, People's Party	0 "

TREASURER.

Emil Auerback of Adams, Socialist Labor	0 ballots.
John M. Fisher of Attleborough, Prohibition	5 "
James S. Grinnell of Greenfield, Democratic	26 "
Martin W. Moran of Boston, People's Party	0 "
Henry M. Phillips of Springfield, Republican	186 "

AUDITOR.

John W. Kimbald of Fitchburg, Republican	185 ballots.
Maurice W. Landers of Pittsfield, People's Party	0 "
Wilbur M. Purrington of Williamsburg, Prohibition	4 "
Charles N. Wentworth of Lynn, Socialist-Labor	0 "
Alfred C. Whitney of Boston, Democratic	27 "

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Frank M. Forbush of Natic, Prohibition	5 ballots.
Henry F. Hurlburt of Lynn, Democratic	26 "
Hosea M. Knowlton of New Bedford, Republican	187 "
Frederick August Nagler, of West Springfield, Socialist	0 "
James Sumner of Milton, People's Party	0 "

COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT.

Edwin F. Carr of Lawrence, People's Party	0 ballots.
John M. Harlow of Woburn, Republican	186 "
Frank J. Simonds of Lowell, Democratic	30 "

SENATOR, FIFTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Arthur B. Beers of Dracut, People's Party	0 ballots.
George J. Burns of Ayer, Republican	186 "
John P. Crane of Woburn, Democratic	30 "

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT, TWENTIETH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

George F. Snow of Chelmsford, Republican	186 ballots.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MIDDLESEX.

Peter A. Fay of Lowell, Democratic	28 ballots.
Samuel C. Upham of Waltham, Republican	185 "

COUNTY TREASURER, MIDDLESEX.

Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville, Republican	186 ballots.
Alfred D. Hoytt of Arlington, Democratic	27 "

REGISTER OF DEEDS, NORTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Joseph P. Thompson of Lowell, Republican	193 ballots.
Hiram Whitney of Westford, Democratic	24 "

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, FOURTH DISTRICT.

Lewis Dewart Apsley of Hudson, Republican	187 ballots.
John J. Desmond of Waltham, Democratic	28 "
Betram Sparhawk of Waltham, People's Party	1 "

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to Commissioners of Insolvency be approved and ratified?

Yes	63 ballots.
No	17 "

A true copy.

Attest,

JOHN H. FOSTER, Clerk *pro tem.*

PRECINCT TWO.

Joseph F. Talbot, Warden, and Paul F. Nason, Clerk, report as follows:

Whole number of ballots cast, 222.

GOVERNOR.

George H. Carey	4 ballots.
Frederic T. Greenhalge	143 "
Alfred W. Richardson	6 "
John E. Russell	67 "
David Taylor	1 "

Lieutenant-Governor.

W. O. Dwinell	8 ballots
Moritz E. Ruther	0 "
Samuel B. Shapleigh	16 "
Charles E. Stratton	68 "
Roger Wolcott	125 "

Secretary.

Charles A. De Courcey	70 ballots.
Wilbert D. Farnham	3 "
Joseph F. Malloney	1 "
William M. Olin	129 "
Isaac W. Skinner	5 "

Treasurer.

Emil Auerback	0 ballots.
John M. Fisher	3 "
James S. Grinnell	70 "
Martin W. Moran	6 "
Henry M. Phillips	132 "

Auditor.

John W. Kimball	133 ballots.
Maurice W. Landers	7 "
Wilbur M. Purrington	3 "
Charles N. Wentworth	1 "
Alfred C. Whitney	68 "

Attorney-General.

Frank M. Forbush	3 ballots.
Henry F. Hurlburt	70 "
Hosea M. Knowlton	132 "
Frederick August Nagler	0 "
James Sumner	4 "

COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT.

Edwin F. Carr	5 ballots.
John M. Harlow	132 "
Frank J. Simonds	71 "

SENATOR, FIFTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Arthur B. Beers	6 ballots.
George J. Burns	127 "
John P. Crane	75 "

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

George F. Snow	132 ballots.
——— Harrigan	2 "
——— Conway	1 "

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MIDDLESEX.

Peter A. Fay	65 ballots.
Samuel O. Upham	137 "

COUNTY TREASURER, MIDDLESEX.

Joseph O. Hayden	134 ballots.
Alfred D. Hoitt	70 "

REGISTER OF DEEDS, NORTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Joseph P. Thompson	143 ballots.
Hiram Whitney	66 "

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, FOURTH DISTRICT.

Lewis Dewart Apsley	135 ballots.
John J. Desmond	68 "
Betram Sparhawk	7 "

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to Commissioners of Insolvency be approved and ratified?

Yes	60 ballots.
No	14 "

A true copy. Attest,

JOHN H. FOSTER, Clerk *pro tem.*

TEWKSBURY, Nov. 16, 1894.

The following is a true and complete list of all the votes cast for Representative in the Twentieth District in Middlesex County:

For George F. Snow of Chelmsford	1,081	votes.
William H. Patson of Tewksbury	1	"
Edwin F. Richardson of Chelmsford	1	"
J. H. McEmery of Chelmsford	1	"
Wm. H. Sangley of Chelmsford	3	"
——— Harrington	1	"
——— Conway	1	"
J. B. Morris	1	"

VOTES OF TOWNS.

	Patson.	Richardson.	McEmery.	Sangley.	Harrington.	Morris.
Chelmsford, 357.	0	1	1	3	1	—
Billerica, 318.	0	0	0	0	1	2
Tewksbury, 206.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wilmington, 114.	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Reading, 92.	—	—	—	—	—	—

Total, 1,081.

GEORGE A. PARKHURST, Clerk of Chelmsford.
JOHN H. FOSTER, Clerk *pro tem.* of Billerica.
JOHN H. CHANDLER, Clerk of Tewksbury.
E. M. NICHOLS, Town Clerk, Wilmington.
A. F. UPTON, Town Clerk, North Reading.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF BILLERICA,

For the School Year 1894-95.

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ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

For 1894-95.

JOSEPH N. PARDEE, Chairman; term expires 1895.
WILLIAM W. NASON, Secretary; term expires 1896.
OMAR A. FLINT; term expires 1897.

SUB-COMMITTEE for Pollard, Richardson and Crosby Schools, W. W. NASON.

SUB-COMMITTEE for Talbot and Union Hall Schools, O. A FLINT.

SUB-COMMITTEE for Hill and Spaulding Schools, J. N. PARDEE.

SUPERINTENDENT, LEWIS T. McKENNEY.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.

Pollard Grammar School,
MISS MARY A. KNOWLES.

Pollard Intermediate,
MISS ALMA B. BISBEE.

Pollard Primary,
MISS MARTHA F. PAGE.

Talbot Grammar School,
MISS CELIA P. BATTLES.

Talbot Sub-Grammar,
MISS MARY E. F. SHEA.

Talbot Intermediate,
MISS A. LILLIAN WARREN.

Talbot Primary,
MISS M. CARRIE LYNDE.

Union Hall Primary,
MISS MABEL V. FOSS.

Richardson School,
MISS ANNIE J. PAGE.

Spaulding School,
MISS JENNIE M. LIVINGSTON.

Hill School,
MISS HELEN L. BRIGGS.

Crosby School,
MISS GRACE L. KNOWLES.

Truant Officers, Precinct No. 1, ALBERT STEARNS,
Precinct No. 2, MARTIN CONWAY, JR.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Town of Billerica probably has as great a variety of common schools as any town of its population and size in the Commonwealth, and under as differing conditions. The Howe School, or High School, is managed by a Board of Trustees and supported by the income from invested funds. The schools in charge of the School Committee consist of five graded schools at North Billerica, somewhat overcrowded, and three good sized graded schools at the Centre, and four ungraded, district schools widely separated. And yet, under varying conditions, all of these schools have moved along under a uniform management, with a gratifying smoothness and with good results.

District schools are usually the most difficult to keep up to the mark, owing to the unwillingness of experienced teachers to assume their charge, and the greater attractions of more populous centres. We have had but little trouble from these sources. Strong local interest has been manifested in neighborhoods where these schools are located, and the policy of the Town and that Committee has been to consider these schools as important as the larger schools, which is shown by voting generous sums of money for the repairs of the buildings, and the payment of living salaries to the teachers. As a result of this policy as thorough work is being done in these small schools, and the practical results are shown in the examination papers written for entrance to the High School, and in other directions.

The details of the work will be found in the report of the Superintendent, which is appended.

The repairs upon the school buildings, called for in our last report, have been made with the exception of the fences at the Richardson and Hill schools. The Talbot school buildings have

been painted, a new floor of rift hard pine laid in the Spaulding, new seats and desks placed in the Richardson, Spaulding, Crosby, and Union Hall schools, some grading done and other necessary repairs made. The Committee believe the school property to be in good order, and that but small outlays will be needed the coming year. We believe that the wisest economy consists in making needed repairs as soon as the need is discovered. The State Inspector of Public Buildings has ordered the plastering of the ceiling in the basement of the Pollard School, and other changes which will involve considerable expense. The Committee have deemed it wise to employ counsel before proceeding to carry out the instructions of the Inspector, and the case is still under advisement.

The Committee have taken no action in regard to a water supply at the Pollard. The appropriation at our command is insufficient to provide a suitable supply, and we believe that if an outlay is made for that purpose it should be sufficient to not only protect the buildings in case of fire, but ample to protect adjoining property.

The Committee regret to report a number of changes in the teaching force of the schools, as it is our policy and desire to retain good teachers as long as possible. There have been four changes in teachers during the year, and five substitutes employed, as follows:

In April Miss Lynde was granted leave of absence from the Talbot Primary School, to gain needed rest, and Miss Coggshall, of Melrose, filled her position as substitute for the remainder of the term.

Late in the summer Miss Johnson, who had taught the Talbot Grammar School very efficiently for more than three years, resigned, much to our regret. A suitable candidate not being found, Miss Wilson, of Rochester, substituted for one week of the Fall Term, when Miss Celia P. Battles, of Chelmsford, was elected to the position. Miss Alexander resigned from the Pollard Intermediate School at the close of the Spring Term, and Miss Bisbee was transferred from the Spaulding, where she had proved her

efficiency by three years' careful and faithful work. Miss Jennie M. Livingston, of Billerica, was elected to the Spaulding School.

Miss Clarke resigned from the Hill School at the close of the Spring Term, and Miss Jennie F. Blodget, of Billerica, was elected to fill the vacancy. After six weeks she resigned to accept a more desirable position in Lexington, and Miss Nina B. Foster supplied her place as substitute until the Thanksgiving recess, when Miss Helen L. Briggs, of Hanover, was employed as a regular teacher.

The Committee have reluctantly accepted the resignation of Miss Carrie Lynde from the Talbot Primary School, after a service of nine years. Miss Lynde was one of the two teachers in town elected "in the pleasure of the Committee," which testifies to the appreciation of her services. About the middle of the Fall Term Miss Knowles was obliged to leave the Pollard Grammar School on account of illness, and Mrs. A. M. Porter, of Boston, was appointed substitude, and remained in charge of the school the rest of the year, doing very satisfactory work. Miss Wilkins, of Carlisle, also substituted one week for Miss Livingston in the Spaulding School.

All of the above regular teachers are graduates of some good normal or training school.

While the Committee have no hard and fast rules in regard to the employment of teachers, preferring to deal with each case upon its own merits, experience shows that we secure the best results from the work of trained teachers, natural qualifications being equal

But two cases have been called to the attention of the Committee in which they have been obliged to exercise their authority to compel the attendance of pupils, and the work of the Truant Officers has been confined to looking up and taking children to school.

The Committee would call attention to the law of 1894, which may be found in the Superintendent's report.

We have had no truants to deal with, but as this contingency is likely to occur, and as the new Middlesex County Truant School at North Chelmsford has been completed, we recommend that the

revised By-Laws of the Town designate this school as the place of "confinement, discipline, and instruction of children so convicted." It should be the duty of all citizens to bring cases of truancy to the attention of the Truant Officers or School Committee or Superintendent.

In accordance with the vote of the last March meeting, other towns voting likewise, the School Committee's of Bedford, Burlington, Lincoln and Billerica met in April at Bedford, and formed a new Superintendency District, comprising these towns, and elected Lewis T. McKenney as Superintendent. Under this new arrangement Billerica secured one-half of his time. The increased appropriation by the State will reduce the cost to the Town of the superintendency while giving us one-sixth more time.

While the Committee does not regard the district superintendency system as the very best that could be devised, we are convinced that it is the most economical and efficient method that can be applied to present circumstances, and we are further convinced that the steady improvement of our schools is owing to the thorough discipline, wise instruction, and careful, painstaking attention to a vast amount of detail, and the strong common sense of our efficient agent, Mr. McKenney.

The expense account of the Committe will be found in the report of the Auditors. The summing up is as follows :

FINANCIAL SUMMARY, 1894-5.

Appropriations, ...	$7,700 00	
State School Fund, ...	245 09	
State on account Superintendent, . .	418 62	
Miscellaneous Credits, ...	89 50	
		$8,453 21
Amounts carried forward, ...		$8,453 21

EXPENDITURES.

Amounts brought forward,		$8,453 21
Teachers,	$4,435 95	
Superintendent,	803 28	
Music,	500 08	
Books and supplies,	446 14	
Fuel,	575 24	
Janitors,	509 00	
Furniture,	410 40	
Painting and repairs,	297 02	
Incidentals,	155 24	
		$8,132 35
Balance unexpended,		$320 86

ESTIMATES FOR 1895.

We offer the following estimates of expenses for the ensuing year:

Teachers,	$4,800 00	
Superintendent,	225 00	
Music,	500 00	
Books and supplies,	500 00	
Fuel,	500 00	
Janitors,	580 00	
Furniture,	125 00	
Painting and repairs,	150 00	
Incidentals,	135 00	
	$7,515 00	
Less State fund,	245 00	
		$7,270 00

We recommend that $7,300.00 be raised and appropriated for school purposes.

It now appears that it will soon be necessary for the Town to take some action in regard to greater accommodations for schools

at North Billerica. We would recommend that a committee be appointed to consider the matter, obtain the refusal of a suitable location if it should be deemed advisable to build, and report at the next annual town meeting.

It is an easy matter to criticise the management and work of the schools, and find fault with the teachers. Very little of this, however, has come to the ears of the Committee. A very general harmony seems to prevail between parents and teachers. We would urge upon all persons interested in the cause of education, the duty of frequent visits to the schools and a careful examination of their workings. They are your schools, and the Committee are but your agents. We shall be grateful for any friendly criticism, thankful to have errors brought to our attention, and more than pleased with helpful suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. PARDEE,
W. W. NASON,
O. A. FLINT,
} *School Committee.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of Billerica :—

Gentlemen :—In considering the work, conditions and needs of our schools at the close of another year, it is well to observe not only whether we have improved on our own results of previous years, but whether we are keeping abreast of the times in educational progress. We may do the former and fall short of the latter. For the present is pre-eminently a period of progress ; and not less in educational than in other lines of effort.

Educators everywhere have been investigating, experimenting, learning, improving, until educational methods have been well-nigh revolutionized. Now the principle follows the illustration, the object is taught before the sign, realities instead of representations.

A conference of the ablest educators and thinkers in America has recently resulted in the Report of the Committee of Ten, which sets forth the aims of education and formulates a general comprehensive plan of studies, covering systematically the whole range of elementary school work. The Secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Education, in December last, issued also a pamphlet, stating clearly the ends to be secured in public school work, and containing a model course of studies whose principles are universal in their application in securing these ends.

The State is soon to establish four Normal Schools in addition to the three now in operation. Hereafter students admitted to the State Normal Schools must be graduates of high schools whose courses of studies have been approved by the State Board of Education. A plan has recently been adopted permitting persons to take State examinations, and receive State certificates to teach. Teaching is thus to be made in truth a profession, and schools are to be, ere long, supplied with professional teachers.

All this effort on the part of individuals, educational associations and the State, to provide better methods, better means, higher standards and abler teachers, indicates a better appreciation for the value of school training as a preparation of life's work, and a deeper sense of our duty to those who must soon be entrusted with the social and national welfare; and it means a degree of educational progress not hitherto attained in our country's history.

This progress requires of the teacher better preparation and effort, of the town better school equipments and accommodations. Are we keeping pace with this progress? I believe we are.

First, in the improvement of

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The painting of the Talbot school-house, placing of new seats in the Crosby, Spaulding, Richardson and Union Hall schools, together with the extensive repairs of last year, have put all the school buildings into a condition of thrift and tidiness without, and comfort and convenience within, that presents a marked improvement in the school accommodations of the Town over their condition a few years ago

Second, in the improvement of

SCHOOL WORK.

The school work has been conducted along the lines indicated in my previous reports with such earnestness and efficiency on the part of the teachers that the mental—though not as easy to point out—is quite as marked as the material improvement of the schools. Perhaps no better illustration of this could be given than that afforded by the last class that entered the Howe School. This class—numbering twenty-five—is the largest, and, the Principal says, the best in scholarly attainments, and the best trained to habits of industry, of any entering class in the history of the school.

CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

While the number of changes in our teaching force has been unusually large, the selections to fill the occurring vacancies have been fortunate, and the schools have not materially suffered, and are now, I believe, as well supplied with good teachers as at any time during the past four years.

ATTENDANCE.

The attendance has been slightly better this year than last, as appears in the table of statistics following this report, to which attention is invited, but it is not as good as it ought to be. Teachers, can, to some extent, help this, but it is largely in the hands of parents, who do not all fully realize the value to the child of acquiring the habit of regular attendance, to say nothing of the loss to him in his school work by frequent absences.

In this connection it is proper to call parents' attention to the legislation of last winter on the subject of school attendance.

Chapter 498, Section 1. Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years . . . . . shall annually cause such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, and such attendance shall continue for at least thirty weeks of the school year, if the schools are kept open for that length of time, with an allowance of two weeks' time for abcences not excused by the Superintendent of Schools or the School Committee. *Such period of attendance shall begin within the first month of the fall term of school, and for each five days' absence of any such child thereafter, in excess of the above allowance, before the completion of the required annual attendance of thirty weeks,* the person having such child under his control shall upon the complaint of the School Committee or any truant officers, forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

Note.—The italics indicate the recent change in the law.

In accordance with a recent requirement of the State a record of time lost by reason of tardiness and dismissal has this year been kept, from which it appears that there has been a loss in school attendance by this cause alone equivalent to 125 days, or over seven months for one pupil. This record shows that tardiness and dismissal are seriously detrimental in loss of school time to the children. But while this lost time thus recorded impresses itself upon

the visible sense and appears surprisingly large, the cause that produced it is vastly more injurious to the child in other ways. It fixes upon him the habit of neglect of duty that will cause loss of time through life. Time is the most valuable thing in the world, and the man who makes right use of it is the exact result the public schools aim to produce—an honest, successful citizen. If the lesson of strict attention to business during business hours could be effectually impressed upon children it would be the most valuable lesson the schools could teach. Attending school is essentially and emphatically the business of children, and if this lesson is ever to be taught it must be here. But the burden of the responsibility rests on the parents rather than on the teachers.

There were fifty-four pupils in the Talbot Sub-grammar School last fall. An additional row of seats was put into the room, crowding it to its utmost capacity, and then there were not seats enough when all the pupils were present.

There were forty-eight pupils in the Talbot Intermediate School at the same time, with not seats enough to accommodate all. This large number did not include all belonging to this school. Some were kept in the Primary School on account of lack of room in the school above.

If there are as many pupils in these two schools next fall—and there is likely to be more—it will be best, and probably necessary, to open another school on the other side of the river for pupils of the fourth and fifth grades living on that side of the river. This would relieve both the crowded rooms.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The Public Library is an important factor for culture in the community. It can be made no more potent for this purpose than in its proper use by the children, and the teacher is essentially the one to encourage and direct this use. Indeed, it is as much the duty of the teacher to teach her pupils what to read, as to teach them how to read. And she can render no more valuable service in teaching any, or all, the subjects of the school curriculum, than in culti-

vating in her pupils a taste for good reading. In doing this she has opened to them an ever widening field of profitable industry and enjoyment. And we can in no way so well direct aright the reading taste of the masses of the people as by wisely guiding the children to books that are good and true before they have begun the use of poor and evil literature.

As none of the Billerica schools except the Pollard have access to the Public Library, an effort is being made to form school libraries in the different schools.

The pupils have been asked to contribute what they wished to for this purpose, with the following result:

The Hill School has contributed, ...	$1.25
The Richardson School, ...	10.57
The Spaulding School, ...	1.40
The Talbot Schools, ...	8.43

The large amount contributed by the Richardson School is due to generous donations from Mrs. C. E. Richardson and the family of Mr. H. H. Colby, whom I thankpersonally and in behalf of the school.

I have purchased with this money, for the Talbot Schools, seventeen volumes; for the Richardson School, twenty volumes. These books have been selected with much care to suit the children in all the grades, and embrace some of the best child and youth literature.

The Richardson school had nineteen volumes before this purchase and has now the nucleus of a school library of nearly forty volumes.

The money from the Hill and Spaulding Schools was received at the end of the last term and has not yet been expended.

The Hill School now has ten volumes; the Crosby, fourteen. There is an income of about twelve dollars from the Crosby School Fund which I am requested to expend for books for that school.

Arrangements are being made with the Public Library, at the

Centre, to provide books suitable to each grade, with special privileges for the teachers to use them in their schools.

In this way it is hoped that the schools will all in time be well supplied with good literature, so that the teachers may acquaint their pupils with good authors and create in them a love for good books. For "what we make children love and desire is more important than what we make them learn."

The value of these school libraries is shown in the use that has already been made of the few books purchased. These new books were put into the Richardson and Talbot Schools at Christmas. Since that time, in the Richardson School, seven pupils have each read one book; three have read two books; one has read three; one has read five, and one has read six. In the Talbot Sub-Grammar School, fourteen pupils have each read one book; five have read two; two have read three, and one has read five.

The other Talbot Schools have made good use of the new books. I believe the Grammar School pupils have made more use of them than the Sub-Grammar pupils. But the teachers of the other schools have not reported definitely on the number of books read.

While this is as important as any line of work the schools can undertake, I believe it would not be well at present to ask the Town for any appropriation to further this plan, but trust rather to contributions from the children--they will take more interest in the books if they help purchase them—and to aid from friends of the schools to whom this plan commends itself.

UNITED STATES HISTORY.

A new plan was adopted last fall in the study of United States history. The pupils will begin this study in the sixth grade.

The subject for the first month is the period of exploration, the pupils in this grade using such books as Montgomery's "Beginners' American History," and Eggleston's "First Book of American History." Every pupil is required to read the account in at least one book besides the regular text-book. Such books will be used

for reference as are accessible to the teachers and pupils. The teacher will guide the pupil in his reading and study with recitation work upon properly prepared topics. At the end of the month the pupils will write a paper on the subject matter of the month's study. Each pupil's papers will be bound together and preserved. The subject for October is the period of colonization; for November, the period covering the French and Indian Wars; December, causes of the Revolution; January, the Revolution; and so on, the class pursuing the same plan as the first month, and in this way going over the whole historical story during the first year's study of the subject, learning a few of the leading facts and most important events. The next year the class will use the larger book, such as Montgomery's "Leading Facts of American History," and Fisk's "History of the United States," and go over the history again in much the same manner as in the previous year, but going deeper into the study, and learning more about the leading men, and fixing in mind more of the important events.

In the eighth grade the class will go over the history for the third time, following the same general plan as before, but making a thorough study of details as far as given in our school histories, and going somewhat into the philosophy of the history. More use of reference books and more outside reading will be required each year.

The advantages of this plan are: First: Before any pupil leaves the public schools he will be likely to have completed the sixth year's work, and, instead of leaving school with no knowledge of the history of our country, or at best with only some knowledge of a part of it, and wholly ignorant of the rest, he will know something of the whole history, and the large majority of children who complete the Grammar School course and do not enter the High School, will have a pretty thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the whole history of the country whose citizens they are soon to be.

Secondly: By reading the whole history each year, the pupil will have some knowledge of the connected story, and will better

understand the relations of its parts, instead of possessing only vague ideas of disconnected portions, as was likely to be the case under the old plan of studying a part of the history one year and another part the next.

Thirdly: This plan teaches pupils to read to a purpose, cultivates a habit of research, and furnishes excellent material and opportunity for language and composition work.

Thus this plan combines reading, language and history, and aside from its excellent disciplinary effect, will tend to give the pupil a good knowledge of history itself.

This plan is not being fully carried out this year, as it was entered upon late in the fall term, and was tried somewhat as an experiment. The result, however, as far as the plan has been tried in the schools under my supervision, is sufficiently satisfactory to justify its being followed very nearly as here outlined in our study of history next year.

MUSIC.

I have given considerable attention during the past two terms to the musical instruction in our schools. I find that pupils coming to Billerica from other schools where music is taught by special teacher, are markedly inferior to our pupils in ability to read music. Teachers coming to us from other towns and cities speaks invariably of the superiority of our musical instruction and of the facility with which our pupils read music.

At an exhibit of school work in music given recently in Boston, classes of pupils who had been selected from the schools of Boston and neighboring cities, as best illustrating the musical instruction in their respective schools, were tested in sight singing. I applied some of the tests used then, in our schools, and obtained quite as good results as were secured at that exhibit with those picked pupils from city schools. In one of our schools the pupils, under the direction of the regular teacher, sang the test through at the first trial without a mistake. Judging from these facts, and my observations of the work here and elsewhere, I believe that the

musical instruction, in Billerica schools compares not unfavorably with the best musical instruction in the public schools of the State.

The value of musical instruction as a part of school work is shown in the pertinent words quoted from an article that recently appeared in the *Boston Herald:* "Aside from the fact that musical exercise, rightly conducted, is a powerful means of training to attention and accuracy, singing is a source of relief and renovation, which tends to create a larger interest in school life, and thus to make work in all departments more hearty and vigorous." But aside from the salutary effect of music teaching in the schools, the ability to read ordinary music readily, and to sing acceptably, is an accomplishment that nearly all children can acquire and one that none would despise. The town is fortunate in having special instruction in music in the schools, and doubly fortunate in having a faithful, thorough, and efficient musical instructor. In my judgment, parents who excuse their children from the music exercises make a serious mistake. They thus deprive them of the important privilege of free musical instruction, which, like any subject of study, will never be as valuable to them as while they are children, and which can never be secured again without expense to themselves.

HOWE SCHOOL.

At the beginning of the spring term Miss Nettie M. Stevens of Chelmsford, a graduate of Westford Academy and from the four years' course of the Westfield Normal School, began her services as assistant in place of Miss Fitz, who had occupied the position the two previous terms. Miss Stevens is an excellent scholar, a close student, and a good instructor. Careful preparation and thoroughness have characterized all her teaching. As an able assistant she has done much to improve the work of the school during the year.

The first prize for one hundred pressed specimens of flowering plants, mounted and named, was awarded by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society to Miss Lucy B. Foster, a pupil of the Howe School. A gratuity was also awarded Miss Foster for excellence

in mounting. A first and a second prize was offered, and when it is understood that the privilege of competing for these prizes was open to all pupils in the State, the award of first prize reflects credit on the work of both teacher and pupil.

Miss Stevens' work in botany with her whole class last spring was very good, as the above statement would indicate. There is need of more comprehensive text-books in botany than those now in use, and I trust they will be provided before the opening of the spring term, when their study will be resumed.

Good instruction has been given in all the branches taught in the school during the year, and I believe there has been steady improvement. Those who attended the graduating exercises of the school last summer saw an illustration of the method and results of the science teaching. The note-books in physics are better prepared than they were last year, and show that the pupils discriminate more clearly between the experiment, the observation and the inference; and are better able to distinguish cause and effect.

The standard of the school is being raised by advancing the pupils in the lower schools. This year, for the first time, an examination in United States History, as far as the Civil War, was made a part of the test of admission; and, instead of studying this subject the whole year, the entering class will complete it in the first two terms. When the plan of studying this subject, explained in another part of this report, is fully carried out the study of United States History will be completed before entering the High School and the time that has been devoted to it there can be given to other subjects.

CONCLUSION.

The work of the year has been conducted with the continued hearty co-operation of teachers, parents, pupils, and school officials, and has been productive of such good results as united and harmonious effort always yields.

Notwithstanding the many changes in teachers, the progress of

the year has been most gratifying, and the outlook for the schools was never better than now.

At the close of another year I wish to express my thanks for the continued courtesy and manifestations of good will on the part of people, teachers, and Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS M. McKENNEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

ROLL OF HONOR.

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY.

HOWE SCHOOL.

Two Terms.—Ethel M. Bowers, Elizabeth A. Chadwick, Lottie B. Cowdrey, James A. Higgins, Alden Hubbard, Harry J. Pasho, Theresa A. Scanlan, W. Howard Sexton, Joseph H. Shuman.

One Term.—Ethel M. Buckley, Annie F. Dodge, Edgar D. Hardy, William F. Holly, Mary E. Hughes, H. Gardner Lund, Martha Maxwell, Joseph H. Potts, Alice T. Rogers, Harry G. Sheldon, Lena M. Tufts, Edith Wild.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

POLLARD.

Two Terms.—Frank Hibbard.

One Term.—John Bailey, Everett Bull, Amanda Griffin, Annie Fitch, Belle Holden, * Jason Hutchins, Gardner Lund, Edith Wild.

TALBOT.

Two Terms.—* Thomas J. Gavin, Charles T. Sheldon.

One Term.—Minnie Calahan, Julia Dutton, Willie Faulds, Fannie Garvin, Nellie Heck, Flossie Keating, Martha Maxwell, Eddie Morris, Maud Ormrod, Edwin Scott.

TALBOT [SUB-GRAMMA.

For the Year.—Mary E. McDermott.

Two Terms.—Fred S. Auty, M. Alice Campbell, Esther Carney, Frank Hannon, Maud Hannon, * John E. Hughes, Marietta McCusker, John H. O'Connor.

One Term.—George R. Colson, James I. Colson, * Frank B. Conley, Agnes Flynn, William Flynn, Thomas J. Garvin, Ambrose M. Hennessey, Esther Morris, Ethel Ormrod, Mary Shalor, Mary E. Sutcliffe.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

POLLARD.

Two Terms.—Alice B. Bailey, *Alfred K. Bruce, John M. Kennelly, * Linwood J. Somers.

One Term.—* Thomas Barnes, David Coulter, Gertrude M. Fitch, Harold G. Hutchins, Martin L. Kennelly, Honora T. Maloney, Kenneth M. McElmon, Cora M. Rollins, Arthur Sexton, Chester A. Wright.

TALBOT.

Three Terms.—Joseph McCusker.

Two Terms.—Christina Carney, Mennell Graham, Etta Hoar, Alice Mills.

One Term.—Florence Broadbent, Florence Bradley, Esther Carney, Lizzie Fitzpatrick, John Holly, Charles Hughes, Warren Hanson, Annie Moore, Wallace Bamforth, George Carney, Arthur Smith, Eddie Keating.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

POLLARD.

Two Terms.—Wilbur I. Bull.

One Term.—Alfred K. Bruce, Joseph Muir, Clarence A. Martin, Willard F. Robertson, Maggie A. MacDonald, Arthur W. Sexton.

TALBOT.

Two Terms.—Charles A. Bradley, Cecile M. Manning, Willie Broadbent, Ella Reilly, Jessie M. Chisholm, Thomas A. Scanlan.

One Term.—Sarah E. Bamforth, George Hannon, Eddie Collins, Annie Hoar, Joseph Carney, James McCusker, Mary A. Ellis, Grace F. Moore, Agnes K. Gammon, Clara E. Wain.

UNION HALL.

Two Terms.—*Minnie Condon, Archibald Faulds, Harry Mahoney, George Hughes.

One Term.—Daniel Condon, Gertrude Nason, Boyd Cambridge, Joseph O'Brien, Georgina Delmarge, Leroy Spaulding, Frank Dewire, Jessie Spencer, Mamie Dewire, Rebecca Spencer, James Dooris, Willie Spencer, William McCarthy, Bertha Sutcliffe, Chris Walker.

MIXED SCHOOLS.

CROSBY.

One Term.—John Bowman, Chester Pasho, Harry Pasho.

HILL.

Two Terms.—Charles Robinson, Lena Robinson.

One Term.—Eddie Dugan, Warren Robinson, Nelson J. Pardee, *Clarence Waite.

SPAULDING.

One Term.—Harry G. Dutton, John H. Lane, Malcolm J. Dutton, Mary Lane, Francis H. Hall.

RICHARDSON.

Two Terms.—Albert Richardson.

One Term.—Etta Burns, Richard Burns, Hattie Burns, Willie Burns, Chester Kitchen.

Note.—Number of different names appearing on the Roll of Honor is 152.

SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR 1895-6.

LOWER SCHOOLS.

Spring Term commences March 11, closes June 14; 14 weeks.

Fall Term commences September 3, closes December 20; 16 weeks. Recess from Wednesday night before Thanksgiving to following Monday.

Winter Term commences December 30, closes February 21. 1896; 8 weeks.

HOWE SCHOOL.

Spring Term commences March 25, closes June 27; 14 weeks.

Examination of pupils for admission, nine o'clock A. M., June 29.

Fall Term commences September 3, closes December 20; 16 weeks. Recess from Wednesday night before Thanksgiving to following Monday.

Winter Term commences December 30, closes March 6, 1896; 10 weeks.

STATISTICS.

Whole number of children enrolled in the public schools,	522
Number of children enrolled over 15 years of age,	23
Number of children enrolled under 5 years of age,	4
Number of children enrolled between 8 and 14 years of age,	312
Number of school-houses occupied,	8
Number of school-rooms occupied,	13

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.		TERMS.	TEACHERS.	Enrollment.	Av'age membership.	Aver'ge daily attendance.	Per cent. of daily attendance	Tardiness.	Dismissals.	Time lost by tardiness and dismissal, days.	Visits of superintendent.	Visits of committee.	Visits of others.	Teachers' salary per month.	Length of school in weeks.
MIXED.	Crosby.	Spring	Grace L. Knowles	16	13.82	12.30	89 00	5	2	.27	7	0	7	$32 00	14
		Fall	Grace L. Knowles	15	14.48	13.32	92.00	3	6	1.00	6	3	7	32 00	14
		Winter	Grace L. Knowles	14	12.76	11.57	91.22	0	3	.27	2	0	7	32 00	8
	Hill.	Spring	Estella J. Clark	21	19.75	18 59	94.14	28	12	2.24	6	2	18	36 00	14
		Fall	Changed during term	23	21.03	18.85	89.63	96	46	6.90	10	3	30	32 00	16
		Winter	Helen L. Briggs	23	18.33	16.29	88.87	29	8	1.66	2	0	2	36 00	8
	Spaulding.	Spring	Alma B. Bisbee	21	18.03	16 35	90.68	14	9	*	6	4	67	32 00	14
		Fall	Jennie M. Livingston	26	21.06	18.28	86.80	23	19	4.86	6	1	21	32 00	16
		Winter	Jennie M. Livingston	23	21.50	19.55	90.93	9	8	1.87	2	0	9	32 00	8
	Richardson.	Spring	Annie J. Page	33	31.99	29.85	93.31	42	31	5.33	7	2	22	36 00	14
		Fall	Annie J. Page	37	33.48	30.08	89.84	36	49	7.79	7	1	8	40 00	16
		Winter	Annie J. Page	36	31.78	28.40	89.33	13	23	4.29	2	0	1	40 00	8
POLLARD.	Grammar.	Spring	Mary A. Knowles.	35	31.24	28.71	91.90	4	35	3.80	4	1	22	50 00	11
		Fall	Mary A. Knowles	30	25.83	24.28	94.00	6	23	7.82	11	4	11	47 60	15
		Winter	Mrs. A. M. Porter	29	27.98	25.05	89.52	0	9	1.76	2	4	12	50 00	8
	Intermediate.	Spring	Blan Alexander	46	37.54	35.48	94.51	14	22	2.57	5	2	23	40 00	11
		Fall	Alma B. Bisbee	44	39.51	37.71	95.44	45	37	4.54	18	3	33	40 00	17
		Winter	Alma B. Bisbee	41	38.08	34.32	90.12	22	19	2.10	3	2	19	40 00	8
	Primary.	Spring	Martha F. Page	44	39.62	33.45	84.42	12	15	3.77	5	4	28	40 00	11
		Fall	Martha F. Page	39	37.88	33.21	87.67	15	13	1.54	16	3	29	40 00	17
		Winter	Martha F. Page	34	30.64	22.89	74.70	14	11	1.91	4	1	14	40 00	8
TALBOT.	Grammar.	Spring	Maud L. Johnson	36	30.76	29.70	96.55	4	43	*	7	3	23	50 00	14
		Fall	Celia P. Battles	36	31.10	30.16	96.97	23	70	11.64	14	5	22	50 00	16
		Winter	Celia P. Battles	32	27.30	25.62	93.84	14	73	6.00	3	2	14	50 00	8
	Sub-Grammar.	Spring	Mary E. F. Shea	47	45.29	42.23	93.24	14	207	*	7	3	9	40 00	14
		Fall	Mary E. F. Shea	54	51.52	49.12	95.15	5	162	*	9	4	3	44 00	16
		Winter	Mary E. F. Shea	52	50.95	47.70	93.62	19	40	7.50	3	2	3	44 00	8
	Intermediate.	Spring	A. Lillian Warren	46	43.49	41.15	94.62	10	30	*	8	0	25	40 00	14
		Fall	A. Lillian Warren	48	45.13	43 47	96.32	3	107	17.50	8	1	18	40 00	16
		Winter	A. Lillian Warren	45	42.10	38.86	92.30	3	36	8.50	3	1	3	40 00	8
	Primary.	Spring	M. Carrie Lynde	55	51.43	47.99	93.10	4	12	2.18	6	5	23	40 00	14
		Fall	M. Carrie Lynde	41	38.38	35.06	91.35	0	6	1.00	7	1	8	40 00	16
		Winter	M. Carrie Lynde	40	38.51	36.15	93.87	1	0	0.00	3	0	6	40 00	8
U. H.	Primary.	Spring	Mabel V. Foss	41	39.09	35.58	91.02	5	10	1.54	5	7	8	40 00	14
		Fall	Mabel V. Foss	37	34.55	32.22	93.24	12	7	1.80	5	3	18	40 00	16
		Winter	Mabel V. Foss	38	35.18	32.92	93.57	5	12	2.10	2	1	2	40 00	8

SUMMARY.

SCHOOLS.		TEACHERS.	Enrollment.	Av'age membership.	Av'rage daily attendance.	Per cent. of daily attendance	Tardiness.	Dismissals.	Time lost by tardiness and dismissal, days.	Visits of superintendent.	Visits of committee.	Visits of others.	Length of school in weeks.
MIX'D.	Crosby.	Grace L. Knowles	18	13 69	12.36	90.74	8	11	1.54	15	3	21	36
	Hill.	Changed during year	25	19.70	17.91	90.88	153	66	10.80	18	5	50	38
	Spaulding.	Changed during year	27	20.20	18.06	89.47	46	36	6.73	14	3	97	38
	Richardson.	Annie J. Page	38	32.42	29.44	90.83	91	103	17.41	16	3	31	38
POL-LARD.	Grammar.	Mary A. Knowles	36	28.32	26.01	91.81	10	67	14.38	17	9	45	34
	Intermediate.	Changed during year	51	38.34	35.84	93.36	81	98	9.21	26	7	75	36
	Primary.	Martha F. Page	55	36.05	29.85	82.26	39	47	7.22	25	8	71	36
TAL-BOT.	Grammar.	Changed during year	37	29.72	28.49	95.79	41	186	17.64	24	10	59	38
	Sub-Grammar.	Mary E. F. Shea	47	49.25	46.35	93.00	38	409	7.50	19	9	15	38
	Intermediate.	A. Lillian Warren	48	43 57	41.16	94.41	16	173	26.00	19	2	43	38
	Primary.	M. Carrie Lynde	65	42.77	31.73	92.77	5	18	3.18	16	6	37	38
U. H.	Primary.	Mabel V. Foss	51	36.27	33.57	93.61	22	29	5.44	12	11	28	38
Howe.	High School.	Samuel Tucker, principal	†24	37.75	34.62	91.56	47	..	..	12	..	3	40
Total,			522	428	385	91.57	597	1243	125	233	76	578	..

* No record.

† 56 is the total number of different pupils enrolled in the Howe School during the year. 24 is the number not enrolled elsewhere in town during the year.

HOWE SCHOOL.

TERMS.	TEACHERS.	Enrollment.	Av'rage membership.	Av'rage daily attendance.	Per cent. of daily attendance	Tardiness.	Visits of superintendent.	Visits of citizens.	Visits of trustees.	Teachers' salary per month.	Length of term in months.
Spring	Samuel Tucker, Principal Nettie M. Stevens, Assistant	32	32.00	28.83	90.09	7	4	0	3	$105 00 50 00	3½
Fall	Samuel Tucker, Principal Nettie M. Stevens, Assistant	41	41.00	38.92	94.92	14	5	1	6	105 00 50 00	3¼
Winter	Samuel Tucker, Principal Nettie M. Stevens, Assistant	41	40.27	36.12	89.69	26	3	2	0	105 00 50 00	3¼
Total.	Samuel Tucker, Principal Nettie M. Stevens, Assistant	56	37.75	34.62	91.56	47	12	3	9	$1,050 00 500 00	10

WARRANT

FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,

To be held March 18, 1895.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
MIDDLESEX, ss. }

To Everett W. Livingston, Constable of the Town of Billerica.

GREETING:—

You are hereby authorized and required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Billerica qualified by law to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at Gardner Parker Hall, in said Town, on Monday, March 18, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Clerk for said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will choose one or more Surveyors of Highways.

Art. 4. To determine the number of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Auditors, Constables, Collector of Taxes, Board of Health.

Art. 5. The Polls will be open, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Town, for the election of the following Town officers, on one ballot, for one year: Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Collector of Taxes, one or more Surveyors of the Highways, if the Town shall vote so to do, one or more Constables, three or more members of the Board of Health, one member of the School Committee, for three years, one member of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, for three years.

Art. 6. To choose all other necessary Town officers.

Art. 7. To choose a member of the Bowers Fund Committee, for a term of five years, also to choose a member for two years to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Dudley Foster.

Art. 8. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will accept the revision of the jury box made by the Selectmen, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 10. To vote on the following question, viz.: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the Town of Billerica? Yes or No.

Art. 11. To hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and all other Town officers and committees heretofore appointed.

Art. 12. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray the Town's expenses for the ensuing year; also, to provide for the deficiencies in the appropriation for the year 1894-1895, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 for the use of the Veterans on Memorial Day, May 30, 1895.

Art. 14. To see if the Town, on the petition of Jacob Murphy and others, will vote to instruct the Selectmen to revoke the rights granted to the Lowell and Suburban Street Railway by said Town to lay tracks and operate an electric railroad from North Billerica to Billerica Centre, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 15. To see what method the Town will adopt for the repair of the roads and bridges the ensuing year.

Art 16. To see if the Town will vote to employ a Superintendent or Supervisor of Schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to be expended in finishing that part of the Town Stable used by the Fire Department, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will straighten and widen Elm Street, on the East side, commencing front of the house owned by the Faulkner Manufacturing Company and occupied by Mr. Gregoire, thence passing down the hill to the second bridge, and widen both bridges, by sidewalk or otherwise, as laid out by the Selectmen, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a Liberty Pole, to be erected on the Common, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 20. To hear and act upon the report of the Committee to Revise the By-Laws of the Town, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the payment of taxes to pay current expenses, or to pay any part of the Town debt which may be called for.

Art. 22. To see what sums of money the Town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow, and to give the note of the inhabitants of the Town therefor, payable in annual installments.

Art. .23 To see if the Town will issue to every individual taxpayer a printed and itemized tax bill, mentioning every article taxable, and carry out the amount levied on each article, so as to add up at the bottom of said tax bill the total amount of the whole tax bill, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to issue Town notes for a sum not exceeding $2,500.00, at an annual rate of interest not exceeding 5 per cent., and payable $500.00 in three years, $1,000.00 in four years and $1,000.00 in five years, said money to be used for the purpose of furnishing and otherwise completing the new Town Hall, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will build a receiving tomb at the North Cemetery and raise and appropriate the necessary amount therefor, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will accept $100 and use the income to keep in repair the lot known as the William Manning Family Lot, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 27. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for lighting the streets, or do anything in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of building Whiting Street, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $100 for the purpose of sinking a well at Union Hall, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for straightening and widening the Boston Road from the Chelmsford line to Sprague's Bridge, as ordered by the County Commissioners, or do anything in relation to the same.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise the salaries of Firemen to fifteen dollars ($15) per year, each, or do anything in relation to the same.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one copy at Odd Fellows Hall, one copy in each of the post offices of the Town, and one copy in each of the porches, or vestibules, of the several churches in Town at least eight days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

JOHN E. ROWELL,
EDWARD B. HASKELL,
FRANKLIN JAQUITH,
Selectmen of Billerica.

A true copy. Attest,

EVERETT W. LIVINGSTON, Constable.

ERATTA.—On page eight, first line, School Appropriation should read $7,300 instead of $72.00, as printed.